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► Four-year-old Lukas Cardinal flew a kite in Churchill Square on Wednesday.

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Taking a kite for a flight

Kite flyers — young and old — came out to Churchill Square on Wednesday to celebrate National Kite Month. The celebration lasts till May 1, with a goal of having 600 kite events worldwide.

Patients in HIV exposure case told to get test

- HIV-positive health-care worker specialized in neurosurgery
- More than 200 surgical patients have been notified by AHS

Hundreds of surgical patients in the Edmonton area have been told they should be tested for HIV and hepatitis C.

Alberta Health Services began contacting more than 200 patients last week, four months after learning that a health-care worker who was involved in neurosurgery at Edmonton hospitals between July 2006 and March 2009 found out they were positive for both.

"The risk here is very, very low, if not zero," said Dr. Gerry Predy, AHS senior medical officer of health, "because there were no breaches of infection control practices identified with any of these particular patients."

The health-care worker no longer works for AHS nor lives in

Alberta, and didn't at the time of confirming to AHS they were infected.

An expert panel conducted an investigation after AHS was notified, and Predy said the process of notifying the patients began last week.

"Some are saying no," Predy said of the complimentary test being offered. "But most of them are taking that offer."

He added that anyone who had surgery during that time but has not been contacted should not worry.

"If not contacted, they were not impacted by this particular issue," Predy said.

While no one is required to get tested to enter the medical field, he said, anyone who becomes

Infection details

- The infected health-care worker was involved with surgeries at more than one hospital, including the University of Alberta Hospital.
- In total, 226 patients have been notified by Alberta Health Services. Messages have been left for those who couldn't be immediately contacted.
- AHS could not confirm whether the worker was still working in the health-care field in some capacity.

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\$15 ticket fee still a go

A meeting between the Alberta Association of Chiefs of Police and Service Alberta was held Wednesday to discuss a new fee for information requests made by police and parking authorities.

The province imposed the new fee on April 1.

Rick Hanson, president of the association and Calgary police chief, called the meeting to avoid layoffs. The fee will cost all provincial police agencies about \$25 million in total.

The closed-door meeting did not result in a compromise, and each municipality will likely absorb the hit differently.

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Edmonton doctor fined

A family doctor in Edmonton has been fined for unprofessional conduct and can no longer treat patients in Alberta.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta says Dr. Norman Goldstuck closed his medical practice without telling his patients or staff last year.

Officials say Goldstuck no longer lives in Canada, and gave no reason why he left.

He now owes more than \$55,000 in fines and other charges to cover the cost of the investigation and hearing into his conduct.

The College says it is managing Goldstuck's files.

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► Police and transit authorities investigate the scene of a fatal pedestrian-versus-bus crash Wednesday morning on 97 Street.

Woman hit, killed by bus at crosswalk

► Investigators reviewing video from area, speaking to witnesses and driver: EPS ► Whether sun played a role or if charges are possible is still unknown



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Police and city transit are investigating after a bus struck and killed a woman Wednesday morning as she crossed the street on her way to work.

The crash happened at 6:50 a.m. in a marked crosswalk on 97 Street at 102A Avenue, said Edmonton Police Service spokesperson Clair Seyler.

"It's still under investigation as to which way the pedestrian was crossing," said Seyler.

Firefighters had to remove the woman, 28, from under the bus and she was transported to hospital with serious injuries but later died, said Seyler.

The 29-year veteran driver is "traumatized" and has been offered counselling, said transit manager Charlie Stolte.

It's not known whether sun played a role in the collision, which happened when the bus entered 97 Street southbound from a turning lane, while the walk signal flashed.

"That's something that will be investigated," said Seyler, adding the driver passed a sobriety test.

Several people who did not want to be identified but said they knew the victim, spoke to police, some in tears, Wednesday at the scene outside the law courts.

Police tape cordoned off the area for much of the day as investigation continued.



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Bright conditions

ETS buses are equipped with sun screens and drivers wear sunglasses while driving in bright conditions, said transit boss Charlie Stolte.

- 1 The last fatality involving a pedestrian and a city bus was four years ago to the day.
- 2 The victim's name has not been released, pending notification of family, according to the medical examiner's office.

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Edmontonians in 4/20 state of mind

► April 20 brings out marijuana supporters ► Yearly tradition fills legislature grounds



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The smoke wasn't the only thing flying high at the legislature grounds Wednesday as hundreds of locals lit up for 4/20.

"It should be decriminalized," said Joy, who didn't want to give her last name. "You can die from cigarettes and you can die from alcohol ... yet people see marijuana as worse."

Joy was accompanied by Catlin, whose mother smoked marijuana for pain relief while fighting a bout of pancreatic cancer.

"She was in constant pain," he said.

Cannabis facts

- According to Alberta Health Services, marijuana is the most widely used illegal drug in Canada.
- It is commonly used in three forms: the dried leaves and buds of the plant, and resin extracts known as hashish and hash oil.
- The "high" comes from a chemical called THC (delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol).

The term 4/20 originated in California in 1971 when a group used the numbers as shorthand for the time they would meet up on campus to smoke pot.



► Joy, left, and Catlin were two of hundreds at the legislature grounds on Wednesday.

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► David Parker, Green party candidate for Edmonton Centre, was one of four federal candidates who took part in a speed-dating event Wednesday.

Candidates woo at high speed

The date Kristy Jackson went on Wednesday evening wasn't exactly typical.

Jackson was one of many who took the opportunity to "speed date" with the federal candidates from Edmonton Centre.

"I think it's a great concept," said Jackson. "I like that we can mingle and debate political issues."

The event, jointly organized by Next GEN and interVivos, was held at the Metro Billiards Café downtown.

Zohreh Saher, president

of interVivos, said "a different approach" is needed to engage those aged 18 to 40 — such as handing out condoms in bars labelled with the election date.

About 50 participants were involved in the speed-dating event, and the candi-

dates enjoyed it, too.

"I'm surprised and pleased to see how many people are participating," said the Green party's David Parker. "It's very refreshing and very energizing."

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FATAL COLLISION

Two die in crash near Bonnyville

Bonnyville RCMP responded to a rollover collision at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, one kilometre east of the intersection of highways 28 and 41.

There were two vehicles involved, an east-bound GMC pickup

truck and a westbound Camaro. Both drivers were found deceased on the scene.

There were also three passengers in the truck, none of whom had life-threatening injuries.

An initial investigation suggests the Camaro crossed the centre line and hit the pickup.

Names of the deceased have not yet been released.

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Kids at work illegally: Study

A new study suggests thousands of children in Alberta are working illegally.

The Athabasca University study estimates 8,200 kids between the ages of nine to 11 are doing prohibited jobs, including janitorial work.

The report says about 26,000 children between the ages of 12 to 14 are on the job illegally.

12 AFL says the province should not allow children as young as 12 to work in restaurants.

The Alberta Federation of Labour is calling on the provincial government to crack down on employment-standards violations involving young people.

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Millet woman to stand trial in son's death

Allyson McConnell, 31, will stand trial for two counts of first-degree murder after the court determined there was sufficient evidence in a preliminary hearing.

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Strathcona County transit receives funds

The park and ride terminal in Sherwood Park will receive \$13.6 million in funding from the Alberta government's Green Transit Incentives program.

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New booze rules floated on campus

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► The University of Alberta is poring over its liquor policies for next year.

► Licensing for pub crawls and wine-and-cheese soirees under review

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The University of Alberta is mulling how alcohol is consumed on and off campus.

Philip Stack, associate vice-president of risk management services, said all policies are under review but that those linked to alcohol use are among the most "outdated."

"The issues surrounding alcohol go beyond just issuing permits," said Stack.

Students have long voiced concerns about being discouraged to hold events by complicated routes to permits, said Students' Union vice-president, student life, Rory Tighe.

"It's just not clear exactly what you have to do," said Tighe, who hopes for more clarity.

Also being tapped into

Regulations

Responsibility for issuing permits is currently shared by four departments.

► It can take months to make a decision, regardless of the size of the event.

► The earliest a new university alcohol policy would likely be uncorked is January 2012.

are types of events allowing drinking, from small wine-and-cheese receptions to all-out pub crawls. The latter have made for a sticky subject, with the university not officially condoning them but still giving the go-ahead in the past.

Students have used the boozy outings to raise money and are worried they'll be barred, said Tighe.

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► Dave Colburn

School board braces for staff cuts

About 1,000 jobs will be lost in Alberta schools this year, says the Alberta Teachers' Association, likely including hundreds of teachers and support staff in Edmonton.

"Certainly we're con-

cerned," said Dave Colburn, chair of the Edmonton Public School Board. "I'm hopeful it won't be too drastic."

The Calgary Board of Education recently revealed that 324 jobs were in jeopardy, but decided at a meet-

ing Tuesday to dig into reserves and save 100 of those jobs.

"We may have layoffs but it's way too early to tell," said Lori Nagy, spokesperson for Edmonton Catholic Schools. ● HEATHER MCINTYRE

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► Evan Kirker shows off his team's Game of the Year, Panagaea, at the U of A.

U of A crowns gurus of game design

► Teams go head-to-head in U of A computer lab

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Computer science students battled it out to reach the top level in game design Wednesday.

Four six-student teams from fall and winter University of Alberta CMPUT250 classes had gaming faces on as prizes were revealed for their best shots at making a video game.

Head Instructor Vadim Bulitko said it's not all just typical gaming geeks — in fact, only about a third are

in computer science.

"Nobody expected us to win, said Evan Kirker, lead designer on C Student Productions, who seized game of the year kudos with Panagaea, despite being chemistry majors.

Executive producer former students advise teams as they create a video game from start to finish, said Bulitko, adding the committee found it tough to select winners this year.

Kirker, whose team edged out contenders of other category winners — Informatica (music and

sound), Deserted (art and design), and Not Proven (technical achievement), said the toughest part in the term-long process was having the parts work together.

The game, set in 2084, takes about an hour to play two levels, one as a robot servant in a "physically incapacitated" world, and the second, as its master trying to escape an institution with information for humanity.

Winners got copies of Mass Effect 2, by Edmonton-based BioWare.

Wayne Gretzky returns to Edmonton this fall

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Wayne Gretzky will be returning to Edmonton this fall in support of the Legends Experience, a fundraising event at the Edmonton Expo Centre.

Gretzky will be one of many former NHL players and local celebrities on hand for the Celebrity Sports Fundraising Dinner on Friday, Sept. 23.

"When you look at the positive impact Wayne has had on the NHL and the City of Edmonton, it is a perfect fit to have him involved with our inaugural event," said co-chair of the Kinsmen Club, Brett Wackenhut.

Packages start at \$3,000 for a table of 10 and run up to \$35,000 for the ultimate experience that includes limo service and the chance to dine with Gretzky himself.

Proceeds from the



► Wayne Gretzky

event will help fund community initiatives managed by the Kinsmen Club of Edmonton.

Tickets went on sale Wednesday and can be purchased online at picatic.com

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- 4 The Kinsmen Club of Edmonton has been around for more than 85 years.

Complete closure of Scona Road postponed

The city is pushing back the complete closure of Scona Road until May 7, so voters will be able to access the polling station at the Old Timers' Cabin. The road closure was originally planned for Sunday, May 1.

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City locations shortlisted for awards

Candy Cane Lane and Whyte Avenue were both shortlisted for the Great Places in Canada contest. Winners will be announced May 16, and will be selected by a judging panel. Six thousand locations across Canada were nominated and 26 made the short list.

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Edmonton East hopefuls explain what they're about

► Metro caught up with the four candidates vying to represent Edmonton East in the next Parliament ► We asked two questions: 1) What's the biggest issue in your riding? and 2) How are you engaging people in the election?



Peter Goldring, 66
Conservative
Occupation: MP
Political experience: Almost 14 years
1. Biggest issue: "It may

not be on the street a strong concern for the citizens of Edmonton East, (but) I still have a very strong commitment to encouraging Canadian unity and standing up in front of the separatists.

2. Engaging people: "I do monthly articles that reach the various culture groups and I encourage their participation (at) meetings."



Shafik Ruda, 42
Liberal
Occupation: IT management consultant
Political experience: First year running.
1. Biggest issue: "Edu-

cation. Only 1 in 4 people have successfully completed post-secondary education in Edmonton East compared to about 50 to 60 per cent in Edmonton Centre and Strathcona."

2. Engaging people: "As soon as exams are done this week we will be fully engaged. We are already engaged in Twitter ... but physically engaged will happen later on this week."



Ray Martin, 69
NDP
Occupation: Retired.
Political experience: Leader of Alberta NDP from 1984 to 1994.

1. Biggest issue: "Edmontonians have told me loud and clear that it's health care: Keeping it in public hands, getting more family doctors and fixing our nursing shortage."

2. Engaging people: "You have to talk to them, doorstep to doorstep, phone call to phone call and let them know that their vote is important to their community."



Trey Capnerhurst, 42
Green
Occupation: Traditional healer and work-from-home mom
Political experience: Three federal elections

and one provincial election as Green candidate.

1. Biggest issue: "Optics. We do have problems, but they are not nearly as bad as those outside the area assume, and our solutions are hampered by those beliefs."

2. Engaging people: "I organized an event with (leader) Elizabeth May and (ex-NHLer) Georges Laraque at the local Avenue Theatre."

APPOINTMENT

Ex-Tory MP to oversee liquor retailer

The man who helped privatize Alberta's liquor stores is going to become chairman of one of the largest liquor retail chains in the province.

Liquor Stores N.A. Ltd. says it has designated Jim Dinning as non-executive

chairman of its board.

Dinning was Alberta's finance minister in 1993 when former premier Ralph Klein's government privatized the province's liquor stores.

Through a subsidiary, Liquor Stores N.A. operates 236 retail liquor stores in North America, including 172 in Alberta.

The corporation says Dinning will assume the job on May 19.

Dinning ran for the Alberta Progressive Conservative leadership in 2006 to replace Klein, but lost to Ed Stelmach.

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Election profile: Edmonton-Leduc

Metro asked the Edmonton-Leduc candidates the following questions: 1. What do you think is the biggest issue in your constituency? and 2. What are you doing to get more people engaged in the election process?

Conservative: James Rajotte. Age: 40. Occupation: Member of Parliament, finance committee chair.

1. "I think still the focus has been primarily on economic issues."

2. "We send regular email updates.... I've also set up a Facebook page and I'm now on Twitter."

Liberal: Richard Fahlman. Age: 39. Occupation: Assistant professor in the department of medicine and dentistry at the University of Alberta.

1. "A major issue ... is a lack of representation in Ottawa. I have been approached by many individuals in the riding who are upset that the Conser-



► Rajotte



► Fahlman



► Medvedev



► Kennedy

vative MPs representing Edmonton and the surrounding area are not standing up for us in Ottawa."

2. "I want to hear peoples' concerns and listen to their ideas. This is the only way one can represent citizens of

Edmonton-Leduc."

NDP: Artem Medvedev. Age: 27. Occupation: University instructor and research assistant.

1. "Everyone considers our riding super-conservative, but at the same time they don't

see themselves with the values of the Conservative party as much as many people would think. So right now the main issue that people are telling me about are democracy and honesty in our government."

2. "I'm trying to use the on-line social media as much as I can to get people out that wouldn't be as (attuned) to the traditional media."

Green: Valerie Kennedy. Age: 63. Occupation: Sessional instructor in numerous colleges,

teaching physical-education courses in the education departments

1. "One issue is peoples' fear for their jobs relative to the tarsands. GPC's focus on transitional assistance to a more diversified, green-based economy is therefore very important."

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Gadhafi forces intensify attack on Misrata

► Despite international criticism for its assault on the city, Libyan government continues ► France vows to step up air strikes



► Libyan rebel fighters discuss how to dislodge ensconced government troops who are firing on them. The photographer who shot this image was later critically injured.

Inside the besieged city of Misrata, spent rockets protrude from the pavement and fighters at roadblocks sit inside empty shipping containers outfitted with generator-powered TVs and watch Al-Jazeera reports of their war with Moammar Gadhafi.

"The number of artillery shells and mortars is truly amazing," said Abdul-Athim Salim, a geography professor at the local university. "The only break is when they are changing ammunition."

Gadhafi's forces have in-

tensified their assault on Libya's third-largest city, firing tank shells and rockets into residential areas, according to witnesses and human rights groups. NATO commanders have admitted their airpower is limited in being able to protect civilians in a city — the core mission of the international air campaign. France vowed to step up air strikes.

Most of the Gadhafi troops are centred to the south and west of the city of 300,000, and many of the residents who had

lived in those areas fled to the northern part of the city. There were four areas of intense fighting in the city on Wednesday, and everyone seemed to know where the battle lines are.

Gadhafi's government has come under international criticism for its assault on Misrata and been accused by human rights groups of using heavy weapons, including missiles and cluster bombs — which have been banned by many countries.

Libyan officials have persistently denied the

army is shelling Misrata or using cluster bombs. "We welcome any objective investigation of the actions of our army, our government and our officials," said government spokesman Moussa Ibrahim, adding the international community shouldn't listen to reports "fabricated by the rebels."

Human rights activists have said more than 260 people have been killed in Misrata, with the final toll likely higher, and many more people wounded.

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Photographer killed in Libya, 3 wounded

An Oscar-nominated war photographer and film director was killed Wednesday in Misrata while covering battles between rebels and Libyan government forces. Three other Western photographers were wounded.

British-born Tim Hetherington, co-director of the documentary *Restrepo* about U.S. soldiers on an outpost in Afghanistan, was killed inside the only rebel-held city in western Libya, said his publicist, Johanna Ramos Boyer.

Chris Hondros, a New York-based photographer for Getty Images, was seri-



► Hetherington

ously injured and was on a respirator at Hikma Hospital. Doctors told The Associated Press that his condition was critical.

The two other photographers — Guy Martin and Michael Christopher Brown — were treated for shrapnel wounds, doctors said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DEMONSTRATIONS

Thousands protest in Syria

Thousands of students held demonstrations Wednesday against Syria's regime, brushing off President Bashar Assad's sweeping declarations of reform as the country's growing protest movement vowed to stage the biggest rallies to date on Friday.

The monthlong uprising in Syria has posed

the biggest challenge to the 40-year ruling dynasty of President Bashar Assad and his father before him. On Tuesday, Syria did away with 50 years of emergency rule — but emboldened and defiant crowds accused Assad of simply trying to buy time.

On Wednesday, 4,000 university students from Daraa and surrounding areas protested near the city's al-Omari Mosque. Activists also said dozens of students protested Wednesday in the country's north.

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Gunmen open fire on Yemeni protesters

Gunmen on motorcycles sped by and opened fire on hundreds of demonstrators camped out in the early hours of the morning Wednesday in a Yemeni port city, killing one and wounding several protesters, an opposition activist said.

Radwan al-Obisi said the protesters in the Red Sea port city of Hodeida were demanding the ouster of longtime President Ali Abdullah Saleh when they were attacked by thugs hired by the ruling party.

The two months of anti-government turmoil in this impoverished nation is threatening to spiral out of control as nearly daily protests across the country are being violently suppressed by security forces.

More than 120 people have been killed since demonstrations, inspired by uprisings elsewhere in the Arab world, erupted in Yemen calling for the end of Saleh's more than three decades in power.

Like much of the country Tuesday, Hodeida saw thousands march through the streets, tearing down posters of Saleh, before they were dispersed by police. A number of cities also now feature protesters camping out in main squares. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Europe moves closer to entering Libyan conflict

Europe has moved closer to doing what it said it wouldn't do in Libya — jump into the bid to overthrow Moammar Gadhafi.

France said Wednesday it has sent military officers

to work with Libyan rebels on the ground, in addition to stepping up airstrikes. Italy and Britain have said they're also sending military officers.

European officials por-

tray their assistance as an effort to fill the military gap with Gadhafi's forces — and turn the tide without overstepping rules of the UN-sanctioned military operation to protect civil-

ians.

The acting foreign minister of the National Transitional Council said the rebel movement's political wing wants more.

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Cleaner says work at PM's residence led to cash under the table

- Bulle immigrated to Canada a decade ago and has four children
- Claims she was handed cash payments for cleaning 24 Sussex Drive

A Somali-Canadian single mother who said she was paid under the table to clean the prime minister's residence skipped a news conference Wednesday where she was set to air her complaints.

Zahra Bulle spoke to The Canadian Press the evening before, describing how she had done janitorial work inside 24 Sussex Drive last year. She said she was paid in cash by a contracting company and felt uncomfortable about it.

The organizers of the event, the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), said Bulle got cold feet after receiving a late-night call from



► Zahra Bulle, a janitorial worker, says she was paid under the table for her work cleaning the prime minister's residence.

her employer.

They are still moving ahead with a

legal complaint based on allegations Bulle and other workers were threatened with dismissal if they tried to organize.

They are filing complaints with the Ontario Labour Relations Board and the federal Labour Department.

"I'm urging the government to protect workers like me in their government buildings," Bulle said in a written statement read out at the news conference.

The company in question, Cleanmatters Janitorial Services Inc., operates in several government buildings across the city.

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► A bronze statue of Louis-Marie Grignon de Montfort, a French saint who founded the religious community of Nicolet, Que., is seen in a handout photo. The statue was stolen and later recovered at a metal recycling plant.

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Mom given 12 years for suffocating toddler

A Manitoba mother who suffocated her young daughter while the two were staying at a women's shelter has been sentenced to 12 years behind bars.

Nicole Redhead, who as a child witnessed her mother kill her father, had pleaded guilty to manslaughter last year.

Redhead, 29, had her three children taken away by Child and Family Services but regained custody of her toddler, Jaylene, in 2009. Court heard how Redhead was in a women's shelter that summer when she became violent with the crying two-year-old.

She held her hand over her daughter's mouth un-

til the youngster stopped breathing and did not call for help. During the autopsy, medical examiners found 30 separate bruises over the child's body including some that had not yet risen to the surface.

Chief Justice Glenn Joyal said the 20-month-old's death was the culmination of "gruesome abuse."

"Having already caused the injuries that gave rise to what I was told reasonably would have been cries of pain by the deceased, the accused then placed her hand over the deceased's mouth for between 70 seconds and two minutes," Joyal said in his decision. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Haunting past

- **Judge acknowledged** Redhead's own "horrific family background," which included witnessing her father's murder at age nine at the hands of her mother in a "drunken rage."
- **She suffered abuse** as a preteen and eventually became addicted to crack cocaine and earning a living as a prostitute.
- **As a child she was** bounced around between five foster homes.
- **Defence lawyer** says an appeal of court decision is being considered.

Western politicians talk shop

The premiers of Canada's three western-most provinces are in Vancouver today to talk about a year-old agreement to

combine their purchasing power on everything from textbooks to health supplies.

The New West Partnership, signed last April in Regina, was made between Alberta Premier Ed Stelmach, Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall and then-B.C.

premier Gordon Campbell.

Campbell has since left office, and taking his place at the meeting will be Premier Christy Clark.

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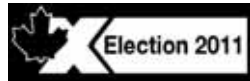
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Iggy winning more hearts

► Liberal leader tied with PM in popularity stakes

Nuts and bolts

- **The trend:** The survey suggests Michael Ignatieff has seen his popularity spike recently while Stephen Harper's has fallen.
- **The figures:** Ignatieff was viewed favourably by 42 per cent of respondents and negatively by 50 per cent. Harper was viewed favourably by 43 per cent and unfavourably by 52 per cent.
- **The statistics:** The poll of 1,000 Canadians, conducted between April 14 and April 17, is considered accurate to within 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.



A new poll suggests Michael Ignatieff has made significant gains in personal popularity and is now tied with Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

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Harris-Decima survey suggests the Liberal leader has regained the ratings he held in 2009.

However, Jack Layton, leader of the popularity contest, was viewed favourably by 68 per cent of respondents — and unfavourably by 26 per cent.

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► Gaining popularity: Michael Ignatieff and wife Zsuzsanna Zsohar board their campaign plane in Toronto on Wednesday.

Strategic-vote fans have a strategy — social media

The strategic-vote advocates are at it again.

They're armed with social media and intriguing, interactive websites.

As is often the custom mid-way through election

campaigns, some who cringe at the thought of the incumbent party winning are trying to pool votes to sway the results.

It has never worked on a large scale in Canada and

its detractors warn that strategic voting could actually do more harm than good.

Nonetheless, the advocates say strategic voting can indeed work in some

elections and their anti-Conservative campaigns are gaining momentum.

Project Democracy says it has registered 900,000 page views since it launched its website a

week ago.

Gary Shaul's group, Catch 22, has raised \$15,000 and is about to launch a low-key advertising and flyer campaign.

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► Maude Barlow says her fight is "about recognizing the limits to the Earth's carrying capacity."

Maude Barlow battles to save Mother Earth

- She wants a declaration of rights for our planet
- 'There's resistance because it hurts,' activist says

As the United Nations begins discussion on the idea of a declaration of rights for Mother Earth, a Canadian activist is helping lead the fight to obtain a "paradigm shift" in the way we perceive the Earth and its resources.

If we don't take care, says Maude Barlow, the planet and humans will be in serious trouble.

Barlow, national chair of the Council of Canadians, says it's time for us to shift from an economic view of "unlimited market growth" to one that focuses on the fact the "Earth sustains all life."

"Our argument is our policies of unlimited growth, unregulated trade and then government deregulation ... is

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As an example of the mishandling of resources, Maude Barlow cites a study reporting that by 2030 the demand for water in our world will out-strip supply by 40 per cent.

putting the environment at risk," she said from the UN in New York.

Barlow and other activists face a long, tough battle.

She likens the fight to the one Eleanor Roosevelt carried out to get the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted.

"She fought so hard,"

Barlow said. "People mocked it.

"It's humanity taking an evolutionary step forward, and there's resistance because it hurts."

Barlow and others would like to see the proposed Universal Declaration of the Rights for Mother Earth become a companion declaration to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, passed by the UN in 1948.

Some countries have already taken action.

Bolivia is set to adopt a declaration of rights for Mother Earth. Ecuador has adopted a resolution protecting nature, said Barlow. India has declared that its rivers are sacred and have rights.

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Texas ablaze

► Firefighters optimistic with a 20 to 30 per cent chance of rain this week

Firefighters in Texas were battling several massive blazes across the state Wednesday, adding up to more than 400,000 hectares of land burned in a little more than a week in the drought-stricken state.

The fire started Friday in the Possum Kingdom Lake area, a community of mostly weekend homes about 115 kilometres west of Fort Worth. It spread into two other counties and was still raging well into Tuesday night.

That's when authorities ordered the 400 residents

of Palo Pinto, about 80 kilometres west of Fort Worth, to leave because of the advancing flames, said Trooper Gary Rozzell of the Texas Department of Public Safety. The county's jail inmates also evacuated, as did the nearby community of Graford and the small town of Strawn, south of the lake.

Weary firefighters had some reason for hope as rain and higher humidity levels were forecast for the rest of the week in parts of the state.

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► Volunteer firefighters battle a running wildfire on Tuesday in Graford, Texas. Dozens of area homes have been destroyed in the wildfires, which have been fuelled by dry conditions, high winds, and low humidity.

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► Marcelo da Luz, designer and creator of the XOF1 solar car, pulls the car down Lakeshore Boulevard in Mississauga, Ont., on Wednesday. Ontario is the only province in Canada that will not legally allow him to drive the solar car on the streets. Da Luz is on his way to Queen's Park in Toronto to protest the issue.

Man demands street rights for solar-power car

► The vehicle is just a few metres long ► Creator pulled over in Alaska after UFO sighting was reported

A man who travelled North America in a solar-powered car is in the final stretch of manually hauling the vehicle to the Ontario legislature because he can't legally drive it in the province.

Marcelo da Luz is only a few kilometres from the final stop in his 160-kilometre Power of One walk from Niagara Falls to Toronto, where he will pull the car to the premier's doorstep in hopes

Dalton McGuinty will make it street legal.

The 42-year-old from Toronto says the Ontario government has made it virtually impossible to drive it legally in the province — demanding he put up signs on 3,000 kilometres of roads, or get letters from every local police force.

So he strapped a harness to his waist and is pulling the 213-kilogram car an average of 15 kilo-

metres per day so he can tell the province in person that he believes it is stifling solar-energy innovation by not allowing his made-in-Ontario car on its roads.

"Ontario has been fantastic, they have been the leader on so many fronts in terms of sustainability with a lot of green initiatives," da Luz said as he began the final stretch of his walk Wednesday.

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PRISON BOUND

WikiLeaks suspect relocated

The U.S. Army private suspected of giving classified data to WikiLeaks is being flown to a state-of-the-art prison where Pentagon officials said more extensive mental, emotional and physical health care will be available.

The Pentagon said

Wednesday that Army Pfc. Bradley Manning arrived at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., in mid-afternoon where he will undergo an in-depth assessment over five to seven days by medical staff.

Jeh Johnson, the Pentagon's top lawyer, said the move does not suggest that Manning's treatment at the Marine Corps base south of Washington was inappropriate. The transfer comes after criticism about his treatment.

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NYC rider stabbed in ciggie fight

A woman was stabbed in the face with a pen on a New York City subway train after she tried to stop a man from lighting a cigarette.

The assault occurred on a crowded No. 3 train near the Chambers Street station during Tuesday's morning rush. Smoking is not allowed on the trains.

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No more Lords

Squeeze in Sir, excuse me Earl. Lawmakers say the red leather benches of Britain's House of Lords are packed to bursting — with parliament's upper chamber straining to cope with the needs of almost 800 members.

Legislators complain the overcrowding means a scramble for seats, of-

fice space and slots to speak. Some grumble that an influx of new members has ushered in a bad-tempered atmosphere.

The House of Lords currently has 792 active members, a mix of appointed, hereditary and religious peers.

A University College London report published Wednesday warned that the chamber had become "bloated and dysfunctional," and demanded an immediate halt to any new appointments.

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A royal meeting

Buckingham Palace said Wednesday Queen Elizabeth II and her husband, Prince Philip, hosted the parents of Kate Middleton for a private lunch at Windsor Castle.

Kate is set to wed Prince William on April 29.

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All dressed up

British Prime Minister David Cameron will wear a formal morning suit with long tails to the royal wedding after all, his office said yesterday. A spokesman had indicated earlier this week that Cameron would opt for a business suit.

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Close call for Michelle Obama's airplane

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► A Boeing 737 carrying Michelle Obama came dangerously close to another plane when landing Monday.

Incident is the latest in crisis involving U.S. air traffic controllers

Investigators say a mistake by an air traffic controller was likely to blame for a near-miss Monday at Joint Base Andrews, near Washington, involving U.S. President Barack Obama's wife, Michelle Obama, and Jill Biden, wife of U.S. vice-president Joe Biden.

A White House plane carrying the two women had to abort its landing after coming dangerously close to a military cargo plane sitting on a runway.

The incident is just the latest in a series of mishaps involving air traffic controllers who have either fallen asleep on the job or otherwise flaked out.

An investigation by the

"... I'm hopping mad about it and we will continue to suspend controllers and doing investigations until we put a stop to this."

U.S. TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY RAY LAHOOD, ON RECENT SPATE OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER ISSUES

Federal Aviation Administration was underway Wednesday into what went wrong at Joint Base Andrews that required the Boeing 737 to abort its landing and circle the airport until the cargo plane was safely out of the way.

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Oil spill anniversary marked

► In a statement U.S. President Barack Obama pays tribute to those killed
► Says significant progress made, but more work needs to be done

Relatives of some of the 11 men who died aboard the Deepwater Horizon oil rig flew over the Gulf of Mexico Wednesday, back to the epicentre of the worst offshore

shore oil spill in the nation's history.

Vigils were scheduled in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida.

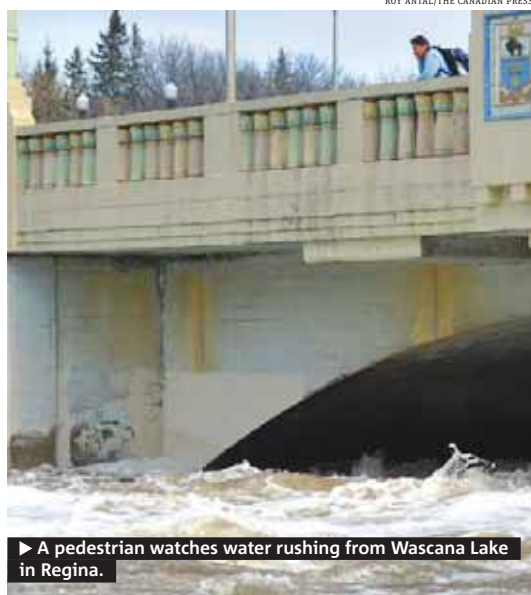
On April 20, 2010, the

Deepwater Horizon, a rig owned by Transocean Ltd., burst into flames after drilling a well for BP PLC. Two days later the rig toppled into the Gulf and

sank to the sea floor. Over the next 85 days, 206 million gallons of oil — 19 times more than the Exxon Valdez, spilled from the well. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



► A pelican tries to raise its wings along the Louisiana coast after being drenched in oil in this June 3, 2010 photo.



► A pedestrian watches water rushing from Wascana Lake in Regina.

Saskatchewan floodwaters yet to peak: Authorities

The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority is warning that floodwaters have yet to peak in eastern parts of the province.

John Fahlman, the authority's director of basin operations and groundwater management, says levels at Round Lake, Echo Lake and Katepwa, east of Regina, will rise yet again.

He says the water levels at Crooked Lake are starting to come down a bit now.

As for Regina, the peak of water coming from Wascana Creek shouldn't be any higher than it has already been.

Duane McKay, director of emergency response with the Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing, says a state of emergency was issued today for the Ochapowace First Nation, in the south-

east, where some preliminary work is being done to prevent flooding to homes.

There are still 13 communities in the province under a local state of emergency.

McKay says the province is still buying sandbags to ensure they don't run out. The province is moving supplies to the areas around Humboldt, Wynyard, Porcupine Plain, Kelvington and Lake Lenore where the snowpack is starting to melt.

McKay notes the ministry is also keeping an eye on the flooding situation in the southwest, around Val Marie and communities along the Frenchman River, where the snowpack still has yet to melt.

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Police make arrest in student's death

Police say a man has been arrested in the death of a York University student in Toronto.

Brian Dickson, 29, is charged with first-degree

murder and is to appear in court this morning.

Qian Liu, 23, was found last Friday in her basement apartment but an autopsy failed to show a cause of death.

Investigators have said Liu was chatting with a friend in China by webcam last Friday when an unknown man arrived at her apartment and a struggle took place.



► Qian Liu

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The online witness reported the struggle lasted

for several minutes before the man turned off Liu's laptop. Police say the webcam images were live-streamed and not recorded.

Liu's father arrived in Toronto from Beijing yesterday. He has said the person in China who witnessed the attack on the webcam was his daughter's boyfriend.

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► Stephen Harper in his university days.

Harper clad in retro plaid

► Website mocking candidates' old photos goes viral ► Features plenty of mop-top hairdos to snicker at



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Bet Stephen Harper never thought a photo of himself in his university days would go viral.

Thanks to a new website, vintagevoter.ca, photos of Harper and the other national party leaders in their "glory" days are all over Twitter and Facebook.

The site, which has published photos of Harper, Elizabeth May, Michael Ignatieff, Jack Layton and Gilles Duceppe in their younger days, was created by Winnipegger David Leibl, 31, and two friends.

"Certainly, we never expected it to be this popular," said Leibl.

Leibl said vintagevoter.ca has been a Twitter trending topic since its launch.

Leibl calls the site a satirical look at national politics, and he hopes the site will encourage people to become more engaged in

the political process.

"I won't suggest that looking at the site translates into a vote at the box, but it's my hope ... that people will become more engaged and aware of Canadian politics."

Leibl said he has had responses from at least one political party and he's hoping other camps will submit photos of their leaders in their younger days.

"We're, as you say, equal in who we make fun of," said Leibl.

Web voting

Vintagevoter.ca has more than 10,000 "likes"—and growing—on Facebook.

► **1970s** A photo of Michael Ignatieff features the Liberal leader in a grey suit and green tie, "back when being a Harvard intellectual wasn't a political liability," the site says.

Many Canadians struggle with saving: Survey

► Repaying debt is only going to get harder as spiking inflation drives interest rates up, experts say

Nearly one-third of Canadians don't have enough money to cover living expenses, while 38 per cent have no savings at all, says a survey from TD Bank.

And with interest rates expected to rise this summer, clearing debts probably won't get any easier.

"I think it's worrisome," said Carrie Russell, senior vice-president of retail banking at TD Canada Trust.

The online survey based on a representative sample of 1,003 adults says 30 per cent of Canadians don't

Busted

► In Alberta, 55 per cent said they found it "a struggle" or "impossible" to save, but 31 per cent said they have enough money saved to cover at least four months of living expenses.

have enough money to cover rent and food bills.

The respondents said their top goals were: Saving for retirement (73 per cent), paying off credit cards (72 per cent) and major purchases or vacations (53 per

cent each).

Russell said 12 per cent of those surveyed couldn't save because "they shopped beyond their means." Nineteen per cent under the age of 35 said they spent too much on shopping, she added.

"This really comes down to budgeting, choices and skills required in making plans for a healthy financial future."

On the flip side, 30 per cent said they had enough money saved to cover living expenses for at least four months. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Home. Brew



► Canadians drank 83.6 litres of beer per person in 2010, Statistics Canada reports.

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A hiccup in beer sales

Canadians drank \$9.2 billion worth of beer in 2010, up 3.8 per cent from the previous year, Statistics Canada says. But while beer remains the country's favourite alcoholic thirst-quencher, its market share is decline. Wine consumption, on the other hand, continues to grow, with share for wine rising to 29 per cent last year from 23 per cent in 2009.

Funny money takes bank aback

A panic ensued in Harare on Wednesday after an automated teller machine dished out defunct Zimbabwe dollars while it was being repaired.irate bank customers thronged the Interfin bank downtown as rumours spread that the old currency was back in circulation.

Zimbabwe abandoned its own currency in 2009 and adopted the U.S. dollar in an attempt to halt record inflation and end the use of huge denominations in millions, billions and trillions during the nation's decade-long economic meltdown.

The Interfin bank said Wednesday that the error occurred when technicians tested the ATM with the old currency and forgot to take it out of the machine.

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China putting pressure on electric-auto manufacturers

The toylike electric cars at the Shanghai International Auto Show are a glimpse of the high-tech automotive future China's leaders are pursuing — and a harbinger of possible disputes with its trading partners.

Beijing sees electric cars as a field where it can take a global lead. But while it pushes its fledgling automakers to create their own products, it also has alarmed global producers that operate in China by pressing them to hand over

know-how and limiting access to its market.

Draft investment rules issued last month would allow foreigners to own only a minority stake in Chinese manufacturers of electric car components. Automakers worry Beijing will impose further curbs and require them to share valuable technology to help local partners create "indigenous brands" as the price of being allowed to sell electric cars in China.

Beijing already requires



► Presenters set an electric moped into the back of Geely's "McCar" at the Shanghai International Auto Show. The concept car and others like it could bring trade troubles.

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that for a foreign manufacturer to produce an electric car in China, its local joint venture must own the technology for one of the three "core components" — the battery, the motor or the power-management system.

China passed the United States in 2009 in number of vehicles sold annually and foreign producers are looking to China to drive sales, putting them under pressure to co-operate.

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WHAT WILL THE PUNDITS SAY?

Whether you're new to the country, new to voting, or just an ignouramous (note the Canadian spelling), you may be confused by some of the lingo you've been hearing since the "writ" was "dropped" in our "democracy." If that sounds like you, then here's a special glossary to bring you meaning as you decide who is the lesser of five evils.

CANADA VOTES 2011 GLOSSARY

Advance poll: A place where Canadians who are unable to cast ballots on voting day exercise their right to avoid voting in advance.

Coalition: Traditionally a temporary alliance of political parties used to form a government when no single party can do so. More recently understood to be the worst, most reckless, most despicable action a party can take short of mailing people flesh-eating disease.

Democracy: A form of government designed to give the maximum number of people in society the impression that what they think matters. In Canada, usually accompanied by a question mark. (Google it and see.)

Gerrymander: To divide electoral ridings in a way that favours one party over another; for example, if the Conservative government created a riding that included only affluent suburbs, or if Elizabeth May created a riding that included only her house.

Husting: Any place where a candidate meets voters; originally contained an L.

Independent: A candidate so true to his or her own ideals and personal vision for Canada that he or she has no chance of winning.

Poll: A survey that indicates the voting intentions of people who still have landlines and are so lonely that they're just happy to have someone to talk to, 19 times out of 20.

Pundit: A political commentator who forms opinions by commenting on the opinions of other pundits. The identity of The Original Pundit is a closely guarded secret.

Green party: The Glossary Consortium has ruled that the Green party will not get its own definition until it has a seat in the House of Commons.

Bloc Québécois: A political party that blames the federal government for everything bad and takes credit for everything good, making it the party that most closely resembles the average Canadian.

New Democratic Party: The political party that will hold the balance of power in the House of Commons for the foreseeable future through the power of fourth-place finishes.

Grits: (slang) Southern corn-based food or the Liberal Party of Canada; traditionally goes with pork.

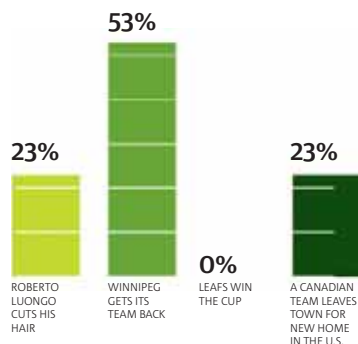
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What will happen first in the NHL?



Worth mentioning

TORONTO. Children's entertainer and activist Raffi is urging "Beluga grads" to vote in the federal election.

The beloved singer-songwriter, author and founder of the Centre for Child Honouring makes the plea in a new video posted on YouTube.

In the piece, entitled Raffi 4 Canada, the 62-year-old tells "Beluga grads" that if they're really passionate about Canada like he is, they will want to vote May 2.

He also outlines his hopes for the future of the country, saying he thinks Canada needs to strengthen its democratic traditions and enhance them.

Raffi closes out the video by singing a new election-themed verse to his hit 1980 children's tune, Baby Beluga.

"Now you've grown and you're on your way, making waves in the boundless bay, with your shining light and your dreams alive, for the young you'll have one day," he croons.

"Grown up Beluga, grown up Beluga, come and rock the vote, please get out and vote, we need to hear you."

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WEIRD NEWS

Get cracking to eggs-traordinary tree in Germany

Volker Kraft's apple sapling sported just 18 eggs when he first decorated it for Easter in 1965. Decades later, the sturdy tree is festooned with 9,800 eggs, artfully decorated with everything from sequins to seashells.

Decking trees with hollowed-out, painted eggs for Easter is popular in Germany, but the 75-year-old retiree's annual creation has become something special in Saalfeld. Last year, it drew more than 13,000



► Volker Kraft's tree

add another 200 eggs next year, bringing his total to 10,000 — and then stop, if only because he is running out of room to store the mountain of boxes.

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visitors.

Kraft needs two weeks and countless trips up and down his ladder to hang the eggs and the task has become a little heavier each year since he began the decorations in 1965.

Kraft plans to

Local tweets



- @CWhite 20XX: Going to #yeg 4/20 rally today to have adult conversation with ppl most interested in the issue. #cdnpoli #yegstrath #yegfed #elxn41
- @staceymarie_: The woman who was hit by a #yeg bus this morning died. Here's hoping those reckless ETS drivers stop driving like complete morons.
- @eatyurmakeup: Is spending #420 being responsible and sober in #yeg. At least until after work :P
- @Trent_Katona: beautiful morning in #yeg. too bad i have to study all day =(
- @michaelappleby: One of these days I would like to have a poem appearing on a #yeg bus. I should work on that.
- @chigaze: +7C! I think I'll go outside. #yeg
- @olliebrkin: 60 km on sherwood park freeway!!!! #cmonman #yeg
- @C21Entourage: Spring allergies in full swing. #yeg
- @MOMmagRocks: I've decided #yeg henday sucks ass. What is WITH the speed limit fluxuations? 100km then 70 then 90 back to 100



► Tyler Perry's *Madea's Big Happy Family* opens on Friday.

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scene

Scene in brief



The Reel Guys discuss and review *Water for Elephants*, which stars Reese Witherspoon and Robert Pattinson and opens on Friday. To read the complete story go to metronews.ca/scene.



Canada's Nicolas Roy to compete for Short Film Palme d'Or at Cannes

Spike fires up Perry

► Director Tyler Perry has had enough of fellow African-Americans, especially Spike Lee, attacking him for his films ► *Madea* is back in Tyler Perry's *Madea's Big Happy Family*

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Tyler Perry has something he'd like to get off his chest. "Spike (Lee) can go straight to hell! You can print that," the self-made entertainment mogul says. "I am sick of him talking about black people going to see movies. This is what he said: 'You vote by what you see,' as if black

people don't know what they want to see."

The two filmmakers have hardly been close since Lee started lambasting Perry's work two years ago, saying that Perry's work is "troubling" and "harkens back to Amos and Andy." A war of words began between Perry and Lee, and Perry is ready to put the whole thing behind him. "Spike needs to shut the hell up," he says.

While Perry insists he tries his best to stay posi-

tive, the amount of criticism of him out there has reached such a level that he had to respond, culminating with a letter to fans he posted online this week warning of the "folks out there that work overtime trying to keep people from seeing my movies," including his latest, Tyler Perry's *Madea's Big Happy Family*, out this weekend. "I don't even understand it (but) this is where the whole Spike Lee (comment) comes from — the negativity,

"This is Stepin Fetchit, this is coon-ery, this is buffoonery," he says. "And they try to get people to get on this bandwagon with them, to get this mob mentality to come against what I'm doing."

"I'm tired of just laying down, tired of just being nice and letting them say whatever they want to say however they want to say it without people knowing what the intent really is," Perry says.

What surprises Perry

most is how much of the criticism comes from within the black community.

"I've never seen Jewish people attack *Seinfeld* and say, 'This is a stereotype.' I've never seen Italian people attack *The Sopranos*," he says. "It's always black people, and this is something that I cannot undo ... And I'm sick of it from us. We don't have to worry about anybody else trying to destroy us and take shots because we do it to ourselves."



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African Cats a mix of fun and learning

African Cats

Genre: Documentary
Directors: Keith Scholey,
 Alastair Fothergill
Stars: Samuel L. Jackson
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Highlighted by the dramatic narration of Samuel L. Jackson, African Cats may be entertainment-focused, but it's still an informative documentary that looks at a pair of feline families struggling in the African Savanna. While danger lurks at every turn (from cub-snatching hyenas to river-roaming crocodile), filmmakers Keith Scholey and Alastair Fothergill accompany easy-to-digest storytelling with gorgeous images of wildlife in rare and stunning moments of natural suspense.

STEVE GOW



The High Cost of Living

Genre: Drama
Director: Deborah Chow
Stars: Zach Braff, Isabelle Blais
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Scrubs-star Zach Braff carries the heavy weight of The High Cost of Living and its somewhat implausible storyline. After a pregnant woman (Quebec star Isabelle Blais) is hit-and-run by an American drug dealer (Braff), the guilt-ridden culprit befriends the victim to the questionable point of romance. With nowhere positive to go, the film may be gloomy but its talented stars keep the drama buoyant.

STEVE GOW

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 Richard Roeper, CHICAGOSUNTIMES.COM

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 Peter Travers, ROLLING STONE

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 Claudia Puig, USA TODAY

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Hanna (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 12:25-3:15-7:15-10:15
Hop (G) DTS Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:20-3
Insidious (14A) Digital Presentation, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:05-2:40-5:25-8:10-35
Limitless (14A) DTS Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Wed 6:40-9:40 DTS Digital, Stadium Seating Thu 9:40
Memphis (PG) Thu 7
Mulroney: The Opera (PG) Wed 7
Rio 3D (G) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:10-2:50-5:25-7:55-10:30
Scream 4 (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-7:10-10:10
Source Code (PG) Stadium Seating, DTS Digital Fri-Thu 12:20-3:50-7:30-9:55
Water for Elephants (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-7:10
Your Highness (18A) DTS Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:50-10:20 DTS Digital, Stadium Seating Wed 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:50-10:20

CLAREVIEW 10 CINEMAS

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Arthur (PG) Digital Presentation Fri-Mon 1:25-4:25-7:15-9:50 Digital Presentation Tue-Thu 5:30-8:10
Hanna (14A) Fri-Mon 1:35-5:40-9:20 Tue-Thu 5:35-8:15
Hop (G) Fri-Mon 1:40-4:10-6:30-9 Tue-Thu 5:15-8
Insidious (14A) Fri-Mon 2:40-7:05-9:35 Tue-Thu 5:50-8:40
Limitless (14A) Fri-Mon 1:45-4:35-7:10-9:45 Tue-Thu 5:10-8:30
Rio 3D (G) Fri-Mon 1:20-4:6-4:5-9:10 Tue-Thu 5:7-50
Scream 4 (14A) Fri-Mon 1:10-4:20-7:40 Tue-Thu 5:25-8:25
Soul Surfer (PG) Digital Presentation Fri-Mon 1:15-3:50-6:35-9:15 Digital Presentation Tue-Thu 5:20-8:05
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Dharti (STC) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:20-6:55-9:20
Dum Maaro Dum (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:05-4:6-45-9:25
Gnomeo and Juliet 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:20-6:45-9
The Green Hornet (14A) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:35-7:05-9:30
Just Go With It (PG) Fri-Thu 2:40-7:20-9:55
Justin Bieber: Never Say Never 3D (G) Fri-Thu 1:20-3:55-6:50-9:10
The King's Speech (PG) Fri-Thu 1:55-4:25-7:15-9:45
The Mechanic (18A) Fri-Thu 7:25-10
Red Riding Hood (PG) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:15-7:25-9:35
Thank You (PG) Fri-Thu 1:40-3:07-50
True Grit (14A) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:10-7:30
Yogi Bear (G) Fri-Thu 1:35-3:45

NORTH EDMONTON CINEMAS

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Arthur (PG) Fri-Thu 1:40-2:15-5:55
Fast Five (STC) No Passes Thu 12:02 No Passes Thu 12:01
Hanna (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:30-6:40-9:20
Hop (G) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:30-6:40-9:20
Insidious (14A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:30-7:40-10:15
Limitless (14A) Fri-Tue 1:20-4:15-6:55-9:25

Wed 1:20-4:15-9:25 Thu 1:20-4:15-6:55-9:25
The Lincoln Lawyer (14A) Fri-Thu 9
The Metropolitan Opera: Capriccio (STC) Sat 11
Mulroney: The Opera (PG) Wed 7
Rio (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:30-4-6-30
Rio 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:30-10
Scream 4 (14A) Fri-Wed 12:45-3:40-6:50-9:30 Thu 12:45-3:40-6:50-9:20 Fri-Thu 1:50-4:45-7:50-10:30
Soul Surfer (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-6:45-9:15
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Your Highness (18A) Fri-Thu 2:40-5:10-8:10-25

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10337 Whyte Ave., 780-433-0728

The High Cost of Living (14A) Fri-Sun 2:30-7:9 Mon-Thu 7:9
Jane Eyre (PG) Fri-Sun 2:6-50-9:10 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:10

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8882 170th St., 780-444-2400

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Arthur (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-6:45-10:10
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Fast Five: The IMAX Experience (STC) No Passes Thu 12:01
Hanna (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:15
Hop (G) Fri-Mon 11:45-2:20-4:40-7:10-9:30 Tue-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:10
Insidious (14A) Fri 1:50-5:10-7:50-10:40 Sat 2:30-5:10-7:50-10:40 Sun-Thu 1:50-5:10-7:50-10:40
Limitless (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:20
Memphis (PG) Thu 7
The Metropolitan Opera: Capriccio (STC) Sat 11
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Scream 4 (14A) Fri-Thu 2:5-8:10-45
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Wed 1:40-4:40-10:20 Thu 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:20
Sucker Punch: The IMAX Experience (14A) Fri-Wed 1:47-10 Thu 1:4
Water for Elephants (PG) No Passes Fri-Wed 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50 No Passes Thu 12:50-3:50-6:30-9:15
Your Highness (18A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30

SOUTH EDMONTON COMMON

1525 99th St., 780-436-8585

African Cats (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:2-10:4-20-6:30-8:40-10:50 No Passes Mon 12:10-2:20-4:40-7:9-15 No Passes Tue-Thu 1:3-30-5:45-8:10-10
Arthur (PG) Fri-Sun 12:2-40-5:15-8:10-35 Mon 12:2-25-7:35-10:05 Tue-Thu 1:4-6-40-9:10
Fast Five (STC) No Passes Thu 12:05
Hall Pass (18A) Fri-Thu 9:30
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Limitless (14A) Fri-Sun 1:3-25-6-8:45-11:10 Mon 1:15-4:30-7:15-10 Tue-Thu 1:20-3:50-7:10-10:10
The Lincoln Lawyer (14A) Fri 12:40-3:15-5:50-8:25-11 Sat 3:10-5:40-8:25-11 Sun 12:40-3:15-5:50-8:25-11 Mon 1:20-4-7-9:35 Tue-Wed 1:20-4:05-6:40-9:35 Thu 1:20-4:05-9:35
Memphis (PG) Thu 7
The Metropolitan Opera: Capriccio (STC) Sat 11
Mulroney: The Opera (PG) Wed 7
Paul (14A) Fri-Mon 10:20 Tue-Thu 10
Rango (PG) Fri-Mon 12:35-2:55-5:20-7:45 Mon 12:05-2:35-5:05-7:30 Tue-Thu 1:45-4:30-7:15
Rio (G) No Passes Fri-Mon 12:2-15-4:30-7 No Passes Tue-Thu 1:30-4:7
Rio 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Mon 12:15-2:30-4:45-7:15-9:30 No Passes Tue-Thu 1:3-15-6:30-9
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Water for Elephants (PG) No Passes Fri 12-2:45-5:30-8:10-10:50 No Passes Sat 12-2:45-5:40-8:20-11 No Passes Sun 12-2:45-5:30-8:10-10:50 No Passes Mon 1-3:45-6:30-9:30 No Passes Tue 1:15-4:10-7:9-50 No Passes Wed 1:15-4-7-9:50 No Passes Thu 4-7-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Your Highness (18A) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:10-5:40-8:25-11 Mon-Thu 1:3-20-5:40-8:10-20

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Greece: Secrets of the Past (STC) Mon 2
Horses: The Story of Equus (STC) Fri 10
The Human Body (STC) Tue 1 Thu 2
Hurricane on the Bayou (STC) Mon 1 Thu 11
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Space Station (G) Wed 1
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Arthur (PG) Fri-Thu 3:45-7:20-9:20
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (G) Fri-Thu 1:05-5-6:55
Gnomeo and Juliet (G) Fri-Thu 12:35-2:10-5:45
Hop (G) Fri-Thu 1:20-3:20-5:15-7:15
Paul (14A) Fri-Thu 3:05-8:50
Rio (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:3-5:05-7:55
Scream 4 (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-2:45-4:45-7:15-9:20
Your Highness (18A) Fri-Thu 9:05

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Thu 7:25-10:15
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Rio (G) Fri 6:55-8:55 Sat-Sun 11:10-1:15-3:10-6:55-8:55 Mon 6:55-8:55 Tue 11:10-1:15-3:10-6:55-8:55 Wed-Thu 6:55-8:55
Scream 4 (14A) Fri 7:15-9:20 Sat-Sun 11:10-1:05-3:25-7:15-9:20 Mon 7:15-9:20 Tue 11:10-1:15-3:25-7:15-9:20 Wed-Thu 7:15-9:20
Soul Surfer (PG) Fri 7:9-15 Sat-Sun 10:55-1:3-3:05-7:15 Mon 7:9-15 Tue 10:55-1:3-3:05-7:15 Wed-Thu 7:9-15
Water for Elephants (PG) Fri 6:45-9:05 Sat-Sun 10:45-12:55-3:15-6:45-9:05 Mon 6:45-9:05 Tue 10:45-12:55-3:15-6:45-9:05 Wed-Thu 6:45-9:05

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Hop (G) Fri-Mon 1:3-20:7 Tue-Thu 7
Rio 3D (G) Fri-Mon 1:3-30-7:25 Tue-Thu 7:9-25
Scream 4 (14A) Fri-Mon 1:05-3:25-7:05-9:25 Tue-Thu 7:05-9:25
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A staggering variety of suds

► Annual International Beerfest starts April 29 at The Shaw Conference Centre

BACKSTAGE PASS

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Forget 99 bottles of beer on the wall, Edmonton's International Beerfest has over 200 varieties to choose from at this year's festival. Taking place April 29 and 30 at the Shaw Conference Centre, there is over 40,000 square feet to stagger through. That's quite the departure from the event's humble 2006 beginnings.

"The first show I produced was a smaller event on U of A campus and around 1,500 people came. Since then, it has grown to over 12,000 people annual-



► Happy Beerfest goers from Edmonton's Annual International Beerfest.

ly," says organizer Sean Farmer.

For the past three years the event has sold out. If you want to get in on the suds, you better snap up tickets quick.

You have a few options to choose from. Basic admission to Beerfest is

\$22.13 including tax and fees. But if you want to upgrade your experience, you can opt for the Friday or Saturday Ale pass. Quite frankly this is the way to go.

After all is said and done, it will only cost you about 10 bucks more and you get

a bunch of sweet perks, including a free sampling mug, a front of the line pass, and early entry to the event. That's right: waiting in line is for chumps.

As the festival has grown over the last five years, so have the expectations of the beer enthusiasts who attend. "Every year the numbers get bigger and we get better with Edmontonians knowing more about the Festival and spreading the word," says Farmer. Having said that, Edmonton's International Beerfest isn't just about the brewskies.

This year, you can expect to be entertained by 10 bands over two days, and a range of exhibitors from popular stores to sport leagues. For more information on this 18+ event or to get your tickets, visit internationalbeerfest.com.

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On the heels of the world's first sustainable carnival, launched in Edmonton a couple months ago, comes another eco-friendly festival. They are calling it the "handmade revolution" and it's taking e-town by storm. Make It! Edmonton combines design, art and fashion, plus a few of the hottest DJs in town. The event showcases Canada's best and brightest indie designers in every genre you can imagine.

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Make It! Edmonton is taking place from 4 – 9 p.m. on Friday, May 13 to Sunday, May 15 at the Alberta Aviation Museum (11410 Kingsway NW).

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HOW DOES RECYCLING WORK?

THE FIRST STEP IN A LONG JOURNEY

Earth Hour began this year where it always begins — on the east coast of Australia. For the next 24 hours it moved steadily through time zones around the world as millions of people switched off their lights, appliances and television sets for one symbolic hour. Around the world familiar landmarks faded to dark — Big Ben, the Eiffel Tower, the Brandenburg Gate, the Parthenon, Forbidden City and Mount Rushmore. In the Philippines a few television stations even halted their broadcasts. Organizers are still tallying the numbers, but Earth Hour 2010 was already counted as the biggest on record, with more than a billion people taking part.

Jed Goldberg admits that events like Earth Hour don't really benefit the environment in any appreciable way, but he says they are powerful symbols nev-

ertheless. Goldberg is the president of Earth Day Canada, an organization that coordinates Earth Day events, promotes year-round programs and educates Canadians on environmental issues. "The fact that so many millions of people around the world take part in these events shows that there is an environmental consciousness out there that didn't exist 20 years ago," he says. "It's very encouraging."

In fact you have to go back 40 years to truly gauge the progress of the environmental movement. The first Earth Day took place in the United States in 1970, in the era of the Kent State Massacre and campus sit-ins. Environmentalists like Rachael Carson, Jacques Cousteau and Jane Goodall were starting to become household names, while an iconic photograph of a fragile planet Earth on a background of black noth-

ingness — an image taken by Apollo astronauts on the way to the moon — captured humanity's imagination. "Earth Day was supposed to be a one-day wonder," says Goldberg. "Another excuse for a college sit-in. But it touched a nerve, and 20 million Americans took part."

That's a small number, in retrospect. Last year 90 million Americans switched off their lights for Earth Hour, and many more millions took part in Earth Day and Earth Month activities around the world. But is the movement really having an appreciable affect on the environment? Goldberg says yes. "Today environmental awareness is part of our culture here in Canada," he says. "It's part of our daily routine. Twenty years ago a lot of people didn't even know what composting was. Nowadays a lot of urban Canadians

have composters in their back yards. Recycling programs are ubiquitous and there's a real awareness of things like organic food and energy saving."

In fact, studies show in just the first four years of the last decade, composting increased the amount of organic waste diverted from Canadian landfills by 70 percent. Recycling has also increased by nearly 10 percent since 2006, decreasing the amount of waste coming from Canadian households by about 4 percent. But carbon emissions in Canada are increasing faster than the population, and recent events like the nuclear reactor crisis in Japan and last year's oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico point to the fact that much more needs to be done. "We've just scratched the surface," says Goldberg. "Shifting our environmental sensibilities is just the first step, but it's an important step."

— Tom Mason



The Galapagos Islands were integral to the science of natural history and are one of the premier ecotourism destinations on the planet.

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ECOTOURISM ADVENTURES

UNIQUE DESTINATIONS OFFER LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCES

Danny Gilfoy and Michael Waugh were just trying to escape a bleak Nova Scotia winter when they headed for Costa Rica this past February. They ended up escaping the confines of human civilization for two incredible weeks. Costa Rica was a magical place full of natural wonders that the two Halifax natives had never seen before. They hired guides to take them through mangrove swamps teeming with crocodiles, vis-

ited beaches where leatherback turtle conservation projects were underway and a rehabilitation centre that returned injured howler monkeys to the wild. They tried their hand at white water rafting and canyoning and rode long zip lines through rainforest canopies. In the quiet evenings they thrilled to the sloths and coatimundis that crept curiously close their rented cabin.

When nothing else was planned, Gilfoy and Waugh hiked the trails that honeycombed through the rain forests and cloud forests near their accommodations — well marked and maintained to keep hikers from trampling the delicate ecosystem and a safe distance away from venomous snakes and insects. “If you have a good guide with you, they will spot things that you wouldn’t notice,” says Gilfoy. “They’ll explain a lot about the ecology of the place that you would otherwise miss.”

Gilfoy and Waugh are part of a new travel mindset, says Bruce Poon Tip, founder of the Toronto-based adventure travel company Gap Adventures. They are eco-tourists. “Eco-tourists are individuals who want to learn something on their holiday and experience a new culture,” he says. “They want a little more than a week on the beach or a boring coach tour.”

Poon Tip started Gap Adventures in 1990 as an alternative for traditional forms of travel like cruise ships, resorts and coach tours. Today his company offers more than 1,300 trips to over 100 countries — many to exotic destinations like the Galapagos Islands, Antarctica or Tibet — places with wildlife or spiritual highlights that often create life-changing experiences for his clients. “I believed travel, more specifically innovative travel experiences, was a powerful force that could facilitate change, and ultimately change people’s lives.”

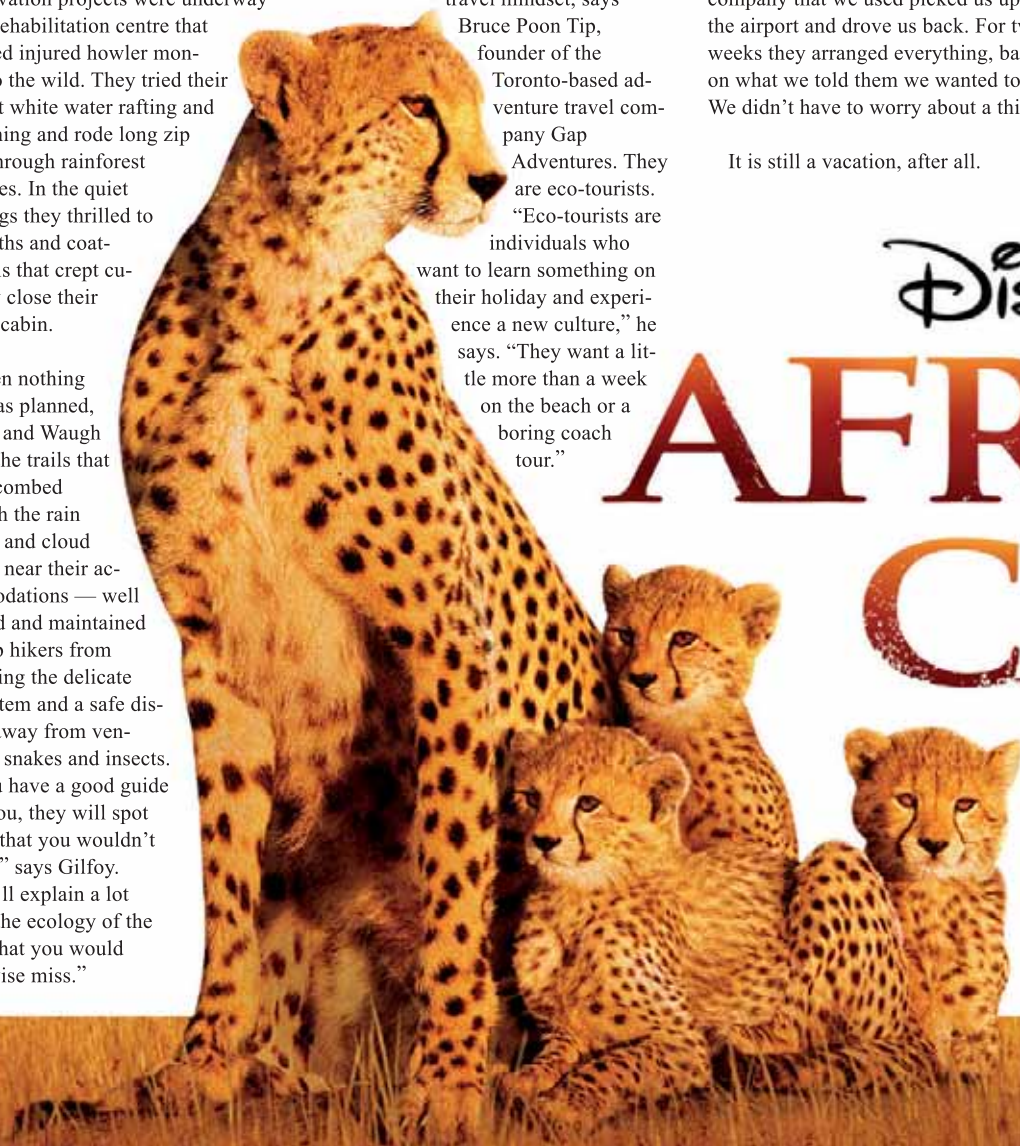
Gilfoy says the Costa Rica experience was definitely a life-changer, and he recommends that anyone who wants to get the most out of an ecotourism adventure should hire a reputable travel company to handle the details. “The company that we used picked us up at the airport and drove us back. For two weeks they arranged everything, based on what we told them we wanted to do. We didn’t have to worry about a thing.”

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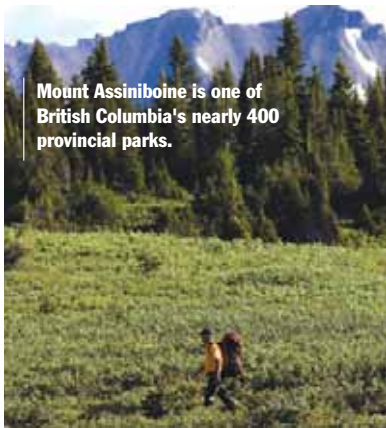




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Mount Assiniboine is one of British Columbia's nearly 400 provincial parks.

It's a fact that many Canadian city dwellers seem unaware of. No matter where you live in this country, it's possible to spend the day immersed in the natural world and still be home in time for dinner.

The natural drama is everywhere. In Nova Scotia every September millions of plovers and sandpipers gather along a thin strip of beach in the Bay of Fundy, blanketing the mud flats and gorging themselves on shrimp, preparing for a nonstop migratory flight to South America. At the Saguenay-Saint-Laurent Marine Park where the Saguenay River meets the Saint Lawrence, 13 species of whales can be seen in one place as they feed in the rich waters. At Point Pelee National Park in the southern tip of Ontario, keen observers can spot almost 400 species of birds and a variety of plants that aren't found anywhere else in Canada.

Western city dwellers are even closer to nature. Winnipeg sits at the edge of three major Canadian ecosystems — the tallgrass prairie to the west and south, the Canadian shield to the east and the interlake region to the north. In Calgary and Edmonton, an hour's drive west puts day trip adventurers into the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. The same distance east opens up the harsh, beautiful world of the badlands. And British Columbia, with five spectacular national parks and nearly 400 provincial parks, is one of the great ecotourism destinations on the planet.

Taken together it represents a lifetime of exploring for Canadian urbanites. One day trip at a time.

-Tom Mason

CANADIAN ECOTOURISM DESTINATIONS WITHIN EASY REACH

BAY OF FUNDY: Currently on the short list of choices for the "seven wonders of the natural world" the Bay of Fundy between Nova Scotia and New Brunswick is a mecca for whale and bird watchers, fossil hunters, kayakers and photographers.

ALGONQUIN PARK: The oldest provincial park in Canada is also one of the country's finest. Within easy reach from Ottawa, Algonquin Park is a chance to see big game wildlife in its natural state, and follow in the footsteps of the Group of Seven.

CAP TOURMENTE NATIONAL WILDLIFE AREA: Just a short drive north of Quebec City in Quebec's spectacular Charlevoix region, Cap Tourmente is a major snow goose migration stopover and an internationally recognized tidal marsh wetland.

MANTARIO TRAIL: Located about 150 kilometers east of Winnipeg, the 63-kilometer-long Mantario Trail in Whiteshell Provincial Park is not for the ill-prepared, but it's a good place to experience the natural wonders along the edge of the Canadian shield.

MALIGNE CANYON: One of the most dramatic hikes in Alberta's Jasper National Park, Maligne Canyon is a deep canyon complete with waterfalls, glacier carved caverns and spectacular gorges.

JOHNSTON CANYON: An easy drive from Calgary, Johnston Canyon in Banff National Park offers hikers a chance to see as many as seven waterfalls, depending on how much energy they want to exert.

SEA KAYAKING IN HOWE SOUND: With practically a lifetime of natural getaways within easy reach of downtown Vancouver, it's hard to know where to start. A guided sea kayaking tour of Howe Sound is one option — complete with epic mountain scenery, seabirds and possible orca sightings. A number of local outfitters offer rentals, instructions and qualified guides for novice paddlers.

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You hear this sort of talk a lot in business, but these principles are bigger than profits and losses. They describe the state of our planet, too. Companies like Toshiba of Canada make it their business to see the connection.

For Toshiba, the merging of corporate and social responsibility goes deep; and it's getting deeper still, with the announcement of Toshiba's alliance with the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC). This three-year partnership will support the two organizations' shared core belief: that conservation of the biodiversity of ecosystems is the key to environmental management.

"We believe NCC is providing a great benefit to Canadians," says Ralph

Hyatt, Toshiba Canada's president and CEO. The private, non-profit group partners with corporate and individual landowners to conserve some of Canada's most precious, and imperiled, natural spaces, and the plant and animal life inhabiting them. They protect the wild, yet their methods are anything but low-tech. That's where Toshiba comes in.

Toshiba is the largest private sector supporter of NCC's Land Information System (LIS). Developed by NCC science staff, the LIS will roll out Canada-wide this year, allowing NCC to report on its achievements in an integrated way, using categories such as Species, Threats, and Stewardship Actions, and ultimately helping it make the strategic decisions necessary to better protect Canadian land and species.

Over the next three years, Toshiba will support LIS with funding and mobile computing technology in the form of laptop computers, adapted for multiple uses, including training, in-office and in-field conservation work, and stewardship management. Using Toshiba technology and LIS, NCC staff will report, plan, manage and monitor properties more efficiently, resulting in better time and resources management, and better conservation overall.



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On one side: a high-tech company with a social ethic, looking for a worthy cause. On the other: a charity helping to preserve the planet, but sorting through mountains of data. Toshiba of Canada and the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) belong together, because each offers the other what it needs.

NCC is an organization dedicated to protecting highly threatened landscapes—those vital to Canada's ecological integrity. It's an efficient organization by any measure, keeping overhead costs at 15 per cent, including administration, fundraising, and communication. However, it also requires the help of more than 200 staff and volunteers to collect, store and analyze the enormous amounts of information needed to plan its activities. To

keep things running smoothly, and with Toshiba's support, NCC has developed a Land Information System (LIS).

"The LIS allows our experts to access critical information instantly, in the field or the office," explains NCC president and CEO, John Lounds. "Through our partnership with Toshiba, we can integrate powerful technology into that conservation work." And the arrangement does more than save time for NCC staffers; it will also improve conservation outcomes and strengthen NCC's bonds with outside partners, like landowners.

"Toshiba's contribution allows us to better share information that impacts our conservation efforts," says Lynn Gran, NCC's vice-president, strategic philanthropy, and CDO. "That's how you create true win-win outcomes. With Toshiba's support, we're building a system that helps us conserve more landscapes, protect more species, and create a natural legacy for generations of Canadians."

With Earth Day on the way, NCC and Toshiba expect conservation to be top-of-mind for many more Canadians. Those ready to help protect habitats and species can learn how at www.natureconservancy.ca/forceofnature.

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Conservation is its own reward, but a little recognition never hurts, either. Toshiba Canada is proud to be named 'Recruit of the Year' at the 2010 Energy Star Market Transformation Awards, acknowledging the company's efforts to market energy efficient products to Canadians.

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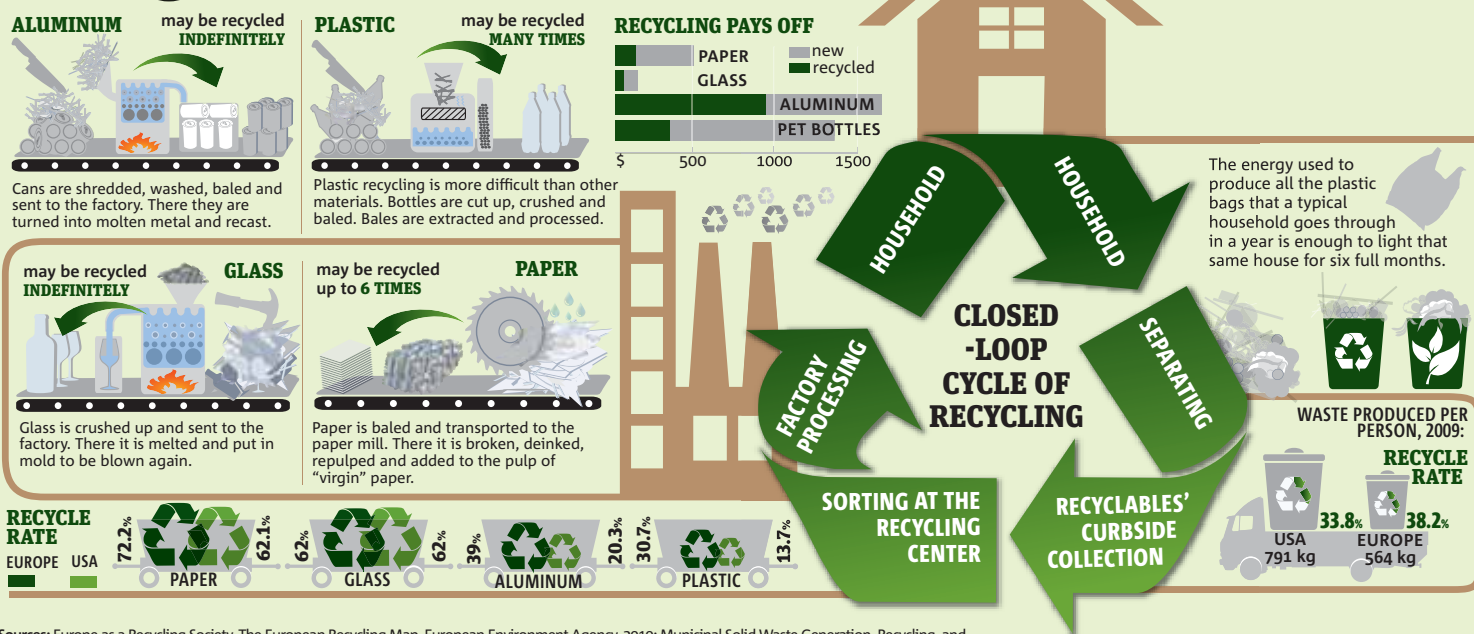
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▶ Matthew Morrison at the Grammy Awards.

Morrison, not Schuester

► With his new album, Matthew Morrison is looking to make a real name for himself — apart from his character on Glee

Matthew Morrison's first single isn't igniting the charts like the songs from Glee, the hit show he plays a teacher on, but the actor-singer says he's not trying to compete with its musical success.

He hasn't made a dent on the Billboard Hot 100, while the cast of the Fox show has appeared on the chart more than 130 times.

"I know going into this that that won't be possible," Morrison said in an interview from Los Angeles last week. "There's going to be a lot of expectations for this album, you know. I'm in such a spotlight right now ... I just want to do the best I can and just

continue the growth."

Morrison's single, the pop tune Summer Rain, was released in early March; it currently sits at No. 27 on Billboard's Adult Contemporary chart. Last week he released his duet with Gwyneth Paltrow — a cover of Over the Rainbow — and this week he dropped his duet with Elton John, Mona Lisas and Mad Hatters/Rocket Man. Morrison said there will be a "big unveiling" of one more star-studded duet.

His self-titled debut is out May 10. He said the first single isn't a reflection of his entire album.

"The single is fantastic and I love it, but I wouldn't

"I walk down the street and people are like, 'Hey, it's Mr. Schu' or 'It's the guy from Glee,' and no one really knows my name."

MATTHEW MORRISON

classify that as my sound," he said. "There's a lot of really kind of deeper songs (on the album) and I felt like if I started with one of those, I couldn't go to a more poppy place later."

On Glee, Morrison stars as Will Schuester, the school's Spanish teacher and glee club coach. He's earned Emmy and Golden

Globe nominations for his role on the series, and also has appeared on Broadway in such shows as Hairspray, Footloose and The Light in the Piazza.

The 32-year-old said the album's most personal song is My Name, a tune about the duality of his Glee character and his real self.

"You're in people's living rooms every single week and they feel like they know that character and they think that's who you are."

Morrison will kick off a solo tour June 18 in Minneapolis and wrap in Los Angeles on July 23.

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TV picks

End is near for Friday Night

FOOTBALL. The final season of Friday Night Lights continues with a new episode, in which Vince discovers the benefits of stardom while Tami tries to start a tutoring program. Eric, meanwhile, realizes that not everyone was happy with his team's first game — while fans grapple with their own sadness over the show's upcoming conclusion.

► **Friday Night Lights**
Friday, Global, NBC

Fringe goes beyond

SCI-FI. Fringe fans can rest easy now that the show has been renewed for a fourth season, but the characters on the

complex sci-fi stunner still have reason to worry. That's because in tonight's new episode, Walternate, finds a way to wreak havoc "over there."

► **Fringe**,
Friday, Citytv, Fox

Religious to ridiculous

EASTER. For those celebrating Easter weekend, a pious choice might be the 1956 Biblical epic The Ten Commandments, airing tonight on ABC. For a slightly less reverent religious-themed movie, there's the Jim Carrey-as-God comedy Bruce Almighty on Movietime, followed by the Canuck comedian's 1997 smash Liar Liar.

► **The Ten Commandments**
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► After years battling with record label Tim McGraw picks up the mic again for SiriusXM, new record and tour

Tim McGraw has his music hat on again.

After more than a year of appearances without his signature black cowboy hat while promoting movies *The Blind Side* and *Country Strong*, McGraw is back to focusing on music for a while. He has recorded a new album, launched his own SiriusXM channel Tim McGraw Radio, and just kicked off his Emotional Traffic tour, which will include a special Sirius concert next week in New York City.

"It's sort of like a cape," he said in a recent interview of wearing a cowboy hat. "I just don't feel the same without it when I'm talking about music. It just sort of goes hand in hand."

He'll need whatever superpower the hat might

give him as he faces one last showdown with his label, Curb Records. McGraw said his upcoming Emotional Traffic album would be his "absolute last album" with Curb if it kills him, and even though he finished the album in the fall, there is still no release date.

"All the songs have been done for a long time, and the label has had it. It's the last album that they have of mine, so they're trying to hold on to it as long as they can," he said. "Whenever Mike Curb decides, he's going to play fair, it will be out."

No one from Curb Records, including label chief Mike Curb, was available for comment when contacted by The Associated Press.

McGraw and his label of nearly 20 years have

been publicly at odds for years now. McGraw claims the label is dragging out his contract and depriving his fans of new music by releasing hits albums in between each of his last three studio albums. He issued an apology to fans in 2008 when the label released Greatest Hits 3, saying, "It has to be just as confusing to the fans as it is to me."

The label put out another compilation in November, Number One Hits, with one new song from the upcoming studio album, *Felt Good On My Lips*. It became a multi-week No. 1.

McGraw said the SiriusXM channel will include all his hits dating back to 1994's *Indian Outlaw* as well as songs he's forgotten he even recorded. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



► Tim McGraw arrives at the 2010 BMI Country Awards in Nashville, Tenn.

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Inspired by Kate's fashion sense

► William and Kate, the movie, has not had critical raves ► But the clothes look good

For actress Camilla Luddington, there was one distinct drawback to playing style maven Kate Middleton in the new TV movie William and Kate: the role made her feel like a bit of a fashion reject.

"It sort of (made) me come home and feel depressed about my own wardrobe because I realized how stylish she is," Luddington said during a recent conference call with reporters.

"Our styles are completely different. I'm sure I look like a mess compared to her to be honest ... Urban Outfitters is, like, my favourite store and I can't imagine Kate being seen in there. Ever."

Luddington, whose TV credits include CSI: Crime Scene Investigation and The Defenders, stars opposite Nico Evers-Swindell (NCIS: Los Angeles, Law & Order) as Prince William in the made-for-TV movie, airing Sunday at 8 p.m. ET on Slice.

William and Kate has already received a drubbing in the British press, where pundits have assailed the acting and accents and noted that Los Angeles (where the film was shot) is a poor stand-in for Britain.

However, they've also conceded that William and Kate is so over-the-top that it may earn a spot in the "so bad it's good" category.

The actors clearly got a

"It was so much fun. I had 72 costume changes — sometimes I was changing up to 12 times a day."

CAMILLA LUDDINGTON, ACTRESS

kick out of transforming themselves into the royal couple, who will be watched by a massive global TV audience next week when they tie the knot at Westminster Abbey.

William and Kate traces the young couple's initial friendship and blossoming romance — including a memorable fashion show at St. Andrew's University where Kate — sporting a revealing see-through get-up — apparently caught the fancy of Prince William.

Despite the blanket media coverage of the romance, the actors say they still managed to learn a few new things about the couple.

Luddington was surprised, for example, to learn how athletic Kate was.

Evers-Swindell, meanwhile, didn't know about "Club H" — the basement party room that Prince Charles reportedly created in his country home at Highgrove so his sons could kick back far from the eye of prying paparazzi.

But for all their research, both Luddington and Evers-

Swindell admit that the true story of the couple's journey to the altar will likely remain a mystery.

"I think that at the end of the day, we may never know too much about how

William felt during these years," said Evers-Swindell.

"Just to see him in the public domain, he gives away very little. I think the interesting thing then

was to explore how he might express himself in the private world and that's where the kind of investigation and inference comes in and your intuition."

Added Luddington: "I think in a way ... it sort of gives you a little creative licence, especially with Kate, like we really don't know too much about her."

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► Nico Evers-Swindell and Camilla Luddington star in William and Kate.

Not invited? Knit your own

► Author's unique take on the royal wedding is selling briskly ► There's even a knitted corgi

The bride's dress, it can now be revealed, is made of wool. So are the groom, the guests and the royal corgi.

Amid the acres of sou-

venirs, memorabilia and merchandise produced to mark the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton, one surprise success is Knit Your Own

Royal Wedding, a stitch-by-stitch guide to creating the April 29 event out of yarn.

The book has sold 50,000 copies and been through four print runs

since it was released last month by a small English publisher, Ivy Press. It is part of a tide of stitching, printing, painting and other handicrafts that are

commemorating the royal nuptials — and celebrating a quirkily old-fashioned sense of British style.

Knit Your Own author Fiona Goble spent a month creating patterns for wedding figures including William and Kate, Queen Elizabeth II, Prince Philip, Prince Harry, the Archbishop of Canterbury and even one of the queen's beloved corgi dogs.

"The one that was the easiest was Harry because he has bright red hair — I say that as a fellow red-head — with close-set eyes and a square jaw."

Like many other royal wedding crafts, Knit Your Own is irreverent — it's accompanied by a promotional video that shows the woolly royals dancing a conga line — without being mean-spirited.

Goble said her book was created in a spirit of "creativity and frivolity."

Much of the figures' charm lies in the details Goble has laboured to create, from the medals on the men's military uniforms to the blue oval engagement ring on Kate's finger. The book includes instructions for different outfits, including the blue wrap dress Middleton wore at the engagement announcement in November.

"We took a lot of trouble getting the clothes right," Goble said. "And I

spent a lot of time getting the hairstyles right: Camilla's flicks and the queen's hairspray and set."

The book has proved a big hit, even though the time commitment involved in making the figures is daunting. Goble says it should take a competent knitter between

Kate was quite hard, because she doesn't have many distinguishing features."

FIONA GOBLE, AUTHOR, KNIT YOUR OWN ROYAL WEDDING

five and seven hours to create each figure. She found the corgi the hardest, its tiny legs a challenge to even the seasoned knitter.

Can't knit? Don't despair. Royal wedding fans also can purchase William and Kate colouring books, paper dolls and a William and Kate Dress-up Dolly Book. Cross Stitcher magazine has offered a "funky commemorative sampler" of Kate, while individual craftspeople have produced everything from a Keep Calm and Marry On cross-stitch, inspired by a famous wartime poster, to Kate and William gloves — the "Kate" one embroidered with a blue engagement ring.

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► One of the quirkier ways to celebrate the big event.

Talking points

Pitt, Jolie pay well for their nannies

NOT CHUMP CHANGE. Not surprisingly, Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie have some pretty steep requirements when it comes to nannies for their six children, a former applicant reveals to Popeater.

The famous couple reportedly employ a nanny for each child, and every child-minder is expected to have a college degree in education or child development and speak at least two languages, and any applicant must obviously be willing to travel. Pitt and Jolie reportedly pay their nannies between \$50,000 and \$150,000 a year. **● METRO**

Timberlake going bald?

ROGAIN AD SPOT COMING. Justin Timberlake is reportedly stressing out about thinning hair, according to In Touch, with a source close to the singer saying concern about hair-loss is one of the reasons for Timberlake keeping his hair close-cropped.

"He's keeping his hair super-short so no one notices," the source says. "He's using specially formulated shampoo to promote hair growth. He certainly doesn't want to go bald."

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Glee fans will be screaming

KEEP COOL Scream 4 star Emma Roberts was reportedly spotted getting cosy with Glee heartthrob Chord Overstreet while attending the Coachella music festival recently,

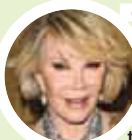


Celebrity tweets



"Facebook asks what I'm thinking. Twitter asks what I'm doing. Foursquare asks where I am. The internet has turned into a crazy girlfriend."

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"Trump allegedly hired detectives to find Obama's birth certificate. He could have made it a task on Celebrity Apprentice and saved money."

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"Sat out by the pool for a bit and now my iphone now says it wont work because of temperature?? So, I put in in the fridge."

@howiemandel



"Spent over 13 hours setting up a zip line in my bedroom. Then I just hit a wall"

according to Us Weekly.

"They were making out," a source says. "They couldn't keep their hands off each other."

And while they enjoyed the festival and its various parties, the desert heat might have been a bit too much for them.

"They were talking about heading to a hotel pool," the source says.

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Berry dishing on her court custody battles

► Actress admits her and Gabriel Aubry needed serious help to get past it

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Halle Berry is opening up about her contentious custody battle with ex-boyfriend Gabriel Aubry.

"It's been a year full of challenges. When there's a child involved, it's a relief when you can resolve things in a good way," Berry tells Extra.

"Our issues were never about fighting for her. We both know a child needs both her parents."

But despite both being invested in their daughter's happiness, Berry admits she and Aubry needed serious help.

"Sometimes, as a couple, you reach an impasse. We need a court and a judge to help us work out some of the delicate issues," she says.

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Fashion fact



China

The Far East continues to be the promised land for luxury fashion brands. Burberry Prorsum just opened a flagship store in Beijing and will be having a lavish runway show there that will be streamed live on the company's Web site on April 13.



Daily life of African cats inspired jewelry designer and film-inspired pendant

Move boldly into sprinter

► That's a term some fashion people have started using to refer to those cold weather pieces mixed in with all the summery items hitting stores right now. It sounds oxymoronic, but in the fashion world, it's perfectly logical.



KENYA HUNT

METRO WORLD NEWS

Fur stoles for spring? Sheer skirts for the dead of winter?

These days, it all makes perfect sense, with fashion designers paying little attention to the season for which they're creating clothing.

Yes, we all still need warm coats when it's cold out and something light and airy to wear in the heat.

But in the past year, some of those old rules like, say, thou shalt only wear sandals in summer, have changed.

From a business perspective, fashion houses are finally taking a look at the timing in which their clothes hit stores and the fact that women don't necessarily want to have to wait three to four months to be able to wear their spring or winter scores.

"The fact of the matter is, the weather is still very cold in most countries by the time the spring collections hit. It's a slightly old-

fashioned mentality to be so controlled by the season," Zowie Broach, one-half of the London-based design duo Boudicca says of the phenomenon some editors have taken to calling "sprinter." She created fur-collared wool coats for her spring collection because she knew that "there are women in Russia who will buy these in March.

But even if the customer is in Las Vegas, she might want to wear that coat over a beautiful chiffon dress on a chilly night."

Prada's hugely popular spring collection featured outside brightly colored fur stoles that at first glance seemed like an odd choice



A cold-weather perfect jacket from Burberry Prorsum's spring/summer collection.

for the season, but ended up being one of the most coveted pieces of the year with shoppers snapping them up as soon as they hit stores in late February. Meanwhile,

Burberry Prorsum showed quilted leather jackets that could work just as well in January as April.

"Right now, it's less about 'spring' or 'summer' and more that it's a 'new season.' When it's cold out, you want a new, great coat. It's as simple as that," Broach says.

"Women want to buy and wear things immediately. The hunter/gatherer isn't storing anymore," she adds.

Global e-commerce sites like Net-a-Porter further stoke the winds of change.

"As an international business, seasonless dressing is very relevant to us," says Holli Rogers, buying director at Net-a-Porter.



► Anna dello Russo wearing a wintry look from the Prada spring collection right after it hit stores, in winter.

"There is nothing more frustrating than not being able to find something when you need it most. Many of the brands we stock now offer multiple collections that include pre, cruise and high summer.

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Jenny Randhawa and Karen Manhas, Blo Blow Dry Bar's Vancouver Franchise Partners, blomedry.com

Step 1 Apply a dime-sized amount of Moroccan Oil through towel-dried hair and a root lifter around the crown root area.

Step 2 Finger dry hair upside down pulling on roots where you want lift.

Step 3 Place hair in three sections and blow dry with a large round brush for maximum smoothness away from your face to cre-

ate lift. Remember: start from the back and work your way to the front and create tension with your round brush to maximize volume. Also, the key to a smooth mane is to make sure your hair is blown out completely dry and end with a blast of cold air.

Step 4 Part dry hair into three sections and run ceramic flatiron through mid-shaft to ends.



VS.



Peter Ciardulli, Curly Hair Expert & Owner of Calia Hair Design, CaliaHair.com
"Curly hair is to straight hair what cashmere is to silk"

Step 1 Cleanse the hair with an anti-frizz shampoo. Next use a moisture-rich conditioner which will help smoothen the cuticle, detangle and improve manageability. Curly hair should be cleansed 1-2 times a week and be conditioned every time you wet down or wash the hair as needed.

Step 2 Comb through hair with fingers or very large tooth comb. This reduces any tangles that may occur during the styling process.

Step 3 Apply a generous

amount of curl-focused styling product. Calia Texture Curl Cream is a fast drying hair cream that calms down unruly or frizzy hair with soft and pliable results. Apply in 2-3 applications so you get more of an even distribution of product throughout hair then repeat Step 2.

Step 4 For extra lift on the root pinch the hair and clip it with a roller clip. This will give extra support on the top of the head and root area. Never manipulate the hair while in the drying stage, either

air or blow dry by diffusing. This means no scrunching, shaking or rubbing the hair while it is in the drying stages. By doing this you're not allowing the curl to form and take shape.

Step 5 Once the hair is dry then you can finger through the hair and scrunch it to loosen the curl. At this point your hair is set and will not frizz! You can add a finishing crème like Calia Fibre Optics - a cream based pomade. This will define and separate the curls for more definition.

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The Royal decor frenzy

► Karl Lohnes offers tips for helping you decorate to celebrate Prince William and Kate's big day

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It's only one week away from the Royal wedding and the world has all eyes focused on Britain.

It's only natural that home decorating fanatics cash in and do a little royal decorating to celebrate this historical soiree.

Forget about the stodgy gold-rimmed teapots and dollar bin tea towels, here's a list of fabulous British-inspired decorating accessories that are sure to turn your house into a royal celebration of its own.

It's always nice to have a reminder of the Royal wedding. I'm not quite sure what happened to the porcelain platter of Charles and Diana I purchased at their wedding.

Most likely ended up in a yard sale many moons ago.

This time around I might buy something trendy that I'll be proud enough to display.

The Big Ben Clock from

Urban Barn (\$80) is 4-feet tall and would look fabulous hung on the small wall in the foyer.

Never to be late and always in style!

I'm thinking a large printed wallpaper would look great hung inside my walk-in closet for impact.

The illusion of having many crowns just might start a few royal rumours amongst those who visit.

In terms of entertaining, I'm thinking of waking up early and having a royal brunch at the house. Serving things like Cream of Earl Grey Tea from David's Tea in my new Keep Calm mugs from Keepcalmandcarryon.ca and serving up a custom English Garden Wedding ice cream cake from Baskin Robbins will add a punch of British whimsy to the occasion.

Am I that crazy about the Royals? I am considering painting my small den a vibrant purple and Royal Throne P5149-63 from Para Paints is on the top of my list!

Teamed with some dark brown wood furniture, a charcoal grey upholstered sofa and a funky Union Jack wall plaque from Urban Outfitters, and I'll achieve a room handsome enough to attract any Prince.



► Big Ben wall clock, Urban Barn, \$80.



► Custom Royal wedding ice cream cake from Baskin Robbins, from \$29.

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► Crown and Coronet wallpaper from Graham and Brown Wallpaper, Home Depot.

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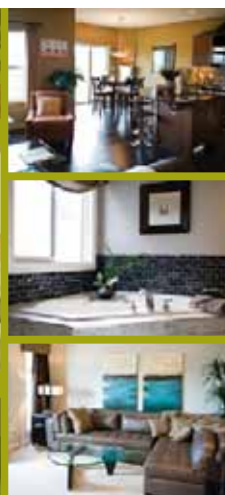


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Preparing the backyard for spring

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DIY IDEAS

Backyard season is almost here and in anticipation of sunny skies and warm weather, DIY Network Canada's Turf War (Mondays at 9 p.m. ET/PT) has a few tips on how to get your yard in tip-top shape.

Walk the Perimeter
Spring showers have washed away the snow, but chances are they've also exposed a messy lawn.

Prior to rolling out the lawnmower, make sure to pick up any sticks, stones or other debris that has made their way into your

yard.

While wearing protective gloves, pull up any dead plants or weeds in the garden to loosen the soil and make room for new sprouts. Walk around the house to assess the foundation of the house. Check for cracks and pools of water that threaten to leak into the basement.

Check and Clean

Take an inventory of your garden tools and check hoes, trowels, rakes and shovels for cracks and splintering.

Rubbing linseed oil on wooden tool handles can prevent splintering, which in turn diminishes the chance of personal injury.

Consider replacing tools that are on their last



► Did you know that rubbing linseed oil on wooden tool handles can prevent splintering?

leg so that garden projects won't be interrupted by a suddenly broken tool.

Snowy winter weather also leaves grime and fungi on the surface of the pa-

tio deck.

Prior to dragging out the patio furniture, give the deck a proper wash.

Make your own cleaning formula by mixing a

cup of laundry detergent with four litres of hot water.

Pour the liquid onto the patio and use a bristled brush to get out the tough

stains.

Rinse off the entire deck with water and allow it to dry completely.

Prune Away

Some garden plants, such as rose bushes and hydrangeas, require pruning in order to remain healthy and produce new blooms. Pruning is most successful when it's done while the blooms are still dormant.

Using pruning shears, make a clean, angled cut a quarter inch above an outward-facing bud.

Continue this technique across the entire plant. As well, cut back any dead stems. The more you prune, the more room there will be for new blooms.

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Don't be afraid to slice that tree

Visitors to my garden this time of year are often astonished to see me lopping the tops off some of my trees.

No, I'm not the Henry VIII of horticulture, chopping the head off any tree that no longer meets my fancy. OK, I am actually lopping the head off any tree that doesn't meet my fancy.

I part ways with Ol' Henry, though, because first, lopping the head off a tree does not kill it, and second, I graft on a new head. A few years after this seemingly brutal operation, the tree looks as chipper as ever.

And it has a head that I like better — or else off it comes again.

I do this type of grafting, called topworking, mostly on my apple trees, but it could be applied to many other kinds of fruit or ornamental trees.

Drying

► If your timing is right, and trunk and scions are in good contact, the only remaining threat to success is from the cut ends drying out. Avoid this by thoroughly coating all cut surfaces, including the tips of the scions, with some sort of pruning paint or grafting wax. My favourite is a goeey black stuff called "Treekote."

For instance, if you don't like the growth habit of your red maple or the leaf shape of your Japanese maple, you can just lop back the head and change it. Same goes for the flower colour of a crab apple or flowering cherry.

GATHER YOUR STEMS

Before you can topwork any tree, you have to have stems, called scions, of the variety to which you



► Chopping and grafting may look brutal but it can result in beautiful fruit trees.

want to change the plant.

You might get scions from a neighbour's or friend's tree that you have admired.

I often get scions for grafting mailed to me from enthusiasts elsewhere across our fruited

plain, or from government institutions. Healthy portions of last year's growth, each cut into pieces a foot or so long, are ideal to become scions. They can be collected anytime in winter or early spring, as long as

stems are showing no signs of growth and temperatures are above freezing.

A FEW CUTS AND YOU'RE FINISHED

The ideal time for topworking is when buds on the trunk are just begin-

ning to grow; the scions are still under refrigeration in their winter sleep.

This way, the scion will have time to knit to the lopped-back trunk and hook up its plumbing before its buds expand into thirsty new shoots.

The actual grafting operation is simple, and there are a few ways to go about it. Cleft grafting, for example, is practised by gardeners for thousands of years and best done on trunks 2.5 to 10 centimetres across.

Wedge grafting and bark grafting are among other methods of topworking, described in such books as *The Grafters Handbook* by R. J. Garner (Sterling Publishing, 1993) and *Plant Propagation: Principles and Practices* by H. Hartmann, D. Kester, F. Davies and R. Geneve (Prentice-Hall, 2010). **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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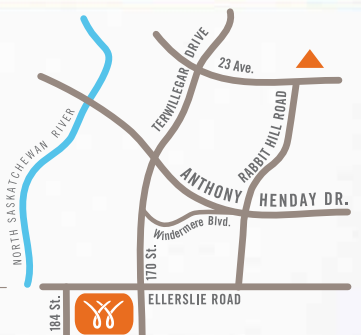
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FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS



Hidden costs of home buying

► Before you buy your first home, consider these 10 forgotten costs to include in your budget



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When Marcelle, 29, and Jaaneen, 31, bought their first home — a new condo near funky Whyte Avenue in Edmonton — they were determined not to join the house-poor crowd. So they saved up a 25 per cent downpayment, said no to upgrades and bought used furnishings.

But six months later they were in trouble. They hadn't anticipated a host of expenses that tipped

their purchase from affordable to "it hurts!" Consider these 10 frequently forgotten costs when you do your budget.

Interest adjustments

This covers any gap between closing date and first mortgage payment. Avoid it by lining up the closing date and first payment to be exactly a month apart.

Mortgage insurance

This is typically required by lenders if your down-

payment is 20 per cent or less (to a minimum of five per cent).

Home inspection

The average is around \$100 an hour, though some home inspectors charge by house size.

Survey (certificate of location)

If there isn't a current one available, plan on spending from \$750 to \$1,500.

Legal costs

These vary but average \$1,500 to \$2,500.

Property appraisal

This may be required by your lender, though some include it as part of the mortgage package. Otherwise plan on \$150 to \$300.

Home insurance

This is an often-overlooked item when calculating monthly payments. Get at least two estimates.

Vendor reimbursements

This is necessary for items like taxes and fuel, which the vendor paid in advance.

Land transfer tax

Loathed by home buyers, this tax may be levied in your area. Ask about reductions for first-time buyers.

Condo costs

These can include a parking spot, in-advance monthly condo fees, PST/HST on appliances, occupancy fees, tax on upgrades and warranty enrolment fees.

A little prep in advance of purchase ensures you won't be hit by sticker shock at closing.

Variable or fixed

- A variable rate will change with interest rates while a fixed rate is, well, fixed for a specified term.
- Economist Moïse Milevsky's research indicates that a variable rate saves money 90 per cent of the time, as much as 50 per cent of the interest paid over the life of the mortgage.
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► It's best to minimize your debt load by maximizing your down payment ► Otherwise you pay an insurance premium on your mortgage ► RRSPs can help you fund a home purchase



What exactly is a down payment on a new home?

"Any lender wants you to have some of your money going into a home purchase alongside the lender's money. That's basically the function of a down payment," says Geoff Parkin, president of the Vancouver-based Mortgage Brokers Association of B.C.

And, as with most payment programs, the more you put down the less you owe later. The federal law states that anytime you borrow more than 80 per cent of the value of a

home, you have to be insured against default by one of Canada's three mortgage insurance companies.

"So we add an insurance premium to the home buyer's mortgage. So for that \$400,000 home where you're putting \$20,000 down, you might have another \$8,000 added onto your mortgage as an insurance premium."

The premiums are calculated by how much your down payment involves starting at 80 to 85 per cent (of the total cost), then 85 to 90 per cent and then 90 to 95 per cent. "Obviously as you get higher, you've put less down on



your down payment, the premiums go up," says Parkin.

So how to calculate what you need to put down on that \$500,000 three-bedroom home you're in love with?

"Take the cost and mul-

tiply it by five per cent, and that tells you what your minimum down payment is," says Donna Mullen, a broker/owner with Your Mortgage Store in Wasaga Beach, Ont.

In this case, you would put down \$25,000. But as Mullen reminds us, that five per cent is only the minimum — even though there are programs available offering cash-back incentives to pay off personal debt.

That allows you to free up more money for the down payment and lets you virtually go through 100 per cent financing for your first home, keeping in mind you'll pay the

price in higher insurance premiums for at least the first five years of your mortgage.

"But five per cent is where you have to start from. If you have more to put down, that's awesome because the more you put down, your mortgage insurance premium goes down and you save money."

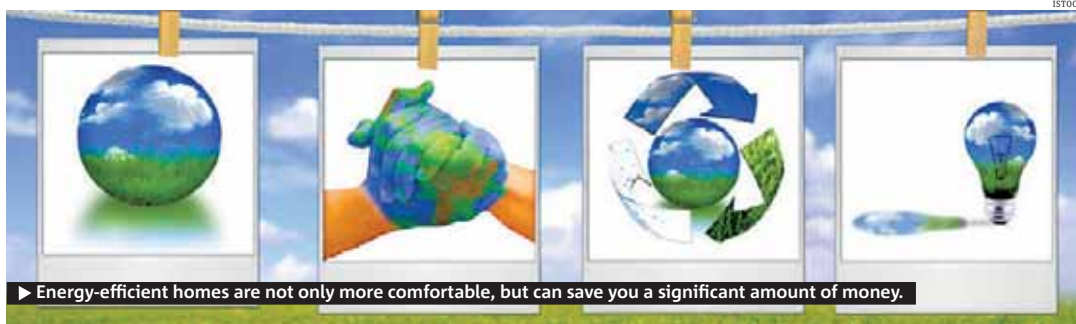
To keep that down payment in mind, Parkin suggests crunching numbers before you start house hunting. "Always get preapproved for a mortgage before you go shopping — go through the math to see what you can afford, especially if the market is active," he says.

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► While it's best to minimize your debt load by using your own savings for a down payment, other options include a financial gift from a family member, combining your cash with money from an existing line of credit or tapping into your RRSPs.

► The Homebuyer Mortgage Program lets you take up to \$20,000 out of RRSPs without paying tax on it, if it's for the purchase of your first home. "It's for first-time homebuyers only," says Parkin. "That can then be repaid over 15 years in equal instalments and there are no tax consequences."

Why pick a green home?



► Here are four reasons to choose an energy-efficient new home

Energy savings

Today, 17 per cent of all energy used in Canada goes toward running our homes. We consume a significant amount of energy for heating our homes in the winter and cooling them in the summer — and don't forget about the energy we use to heat water used for bathing and cleaning. Imagine the savings on your energy bills if you choose an energy-efficient new home.

Better to live in

Energy-efficient homes have fewer of those uncomfortable drafts and cold spots. Some homes have specially designed ventilation systems that bring fresh outdoor air in and send stale indoor air out. R-2000 certified homes, for example, are built using healthier building materials, such as low VOC (volatile organic compounds) paints, flooring and cabinets to further improve the indoor air quality in your home.

Better for the environment

Most of the energy we consume in Canada comes from fossil fuels. As a result, the energy we save in heating, cooling and powering our home will help reduce our environmental footprint. In addition, using energy-efficient light bulbs, low-flow showerheads and water-conserving toilets will all contribute to a greener home. Many new energy-efficient homes are being built using insulation, dry-wall or wood trim that were manufactured using recycled materials.

Affordability

Buying expensive, custom-

built homes used to be the only way to acquire an energy-efficient home. Today, thanks to initiatives such as the EnerGuide rating system, R-2000 Standard, and ENERGY STAR for New Homes, consumers looking to achieve greater energy efficiency at home have a much wider array of energy-efficient options to choose from, even in tract-built homes.

If you are planning to build or buy a new home in the coming months, spend some time on the NRCAN website at newhomes.nrcan.gc.ca or call 1-800-O-Canada for more information on the various energy-efficiency programs that are available in Canada.

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What's on your wish list for your first home?

► Your first home can also be your dream home ► Here's a look at the most popular design features on the Canadian wish list for this year

We often hear the term "dream home" as a kind of undefined ideal sometime in the future.

But, as a first-time homebuyer, if you were given a chance to design your own dream home, what would your favourite features be?

In case you'd first like to know what others want, take a look at the most popular design features on the Canadian wish list this year, from Nudura, a leading firm in building technology.

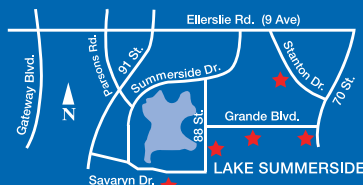
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A designer bathtub and walk-in shower with marble tile, a seating bench and rainfall showerhead are must-haves for the bathroom right now.

2

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Bedroom walk-out or balcony.

6

A sunroom, a front porch and a finished backyard patio.

7

Natural hardwood flooring like Brazilian cherry and sustainable bamboo.



► Homes made of concrete and natural stone are not only beautiful, but they're also stronger and more energy efficient.

10

Curb appeal. Home exterior, driveway and landscaping must attract admiring attention.

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Vessel sinks or free-standing bowls above the bathroom countertop, accompanied by wall-mounted faucets.

8

A large, designer kitchen with natural stone countertops and futuristic appliances, cabinetry and waterworks.

How to find the right realtor

The real estate market traditionally heats up each spring, and for first-time homebuyers, finding the right realtor is an important step to help you on your search. Here's a checklist on how to find the right one for you.

- Get recommendations from family and friends.
- Cruise neighbourhoods you like, and write down the names of realtors on the For Sale signs.
- Visit open houses to meet realtors face-to-face.
- Ask for references, and check to see if any of the realtor's references are relatives.
- Ask how long the realtor has been in business, and if he or she has up-



► Interview two or three realtors to find the best fit.

to-date training.

- The home will require additional work, such as home inspections, renovations, legal advice or mortgage advice, and the realtor should be able to give you a list of options for each of these services.
- You want a person who is assertive, but also someone you can work well with. Be sure you feel comfortable with the person.
- Make sure your realtor is someone who will be available by phone and

email, and takes time to go over paperwork with you.

"Once you have some names, interview two or three and choose the one you feel would best fit as your partner throughout the process," suggests Rob Faulkner, president of the Nova Scotia Association of Realtors.

A good realtor may stay with you if you move homes, so trust and a solid relationship are important.

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First-time homebuyers should behave like investors because that's how they'll save money and ultimately live a happier life, says Don Campbell, a Vancouver real estate expert.

"If you prefer not to save money, then think like a homebuyer," says Campbell, an investor who analyzes and writes about the Canadian real estate industry.

And while it's tough to approach your first home with your brain instead of your heart, Campbell recommends looking for certain criteria in the area you like that will encourage you to make a wise decision.



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"You fall in love with a house in a neighbourhood that has a future and not a past," he says. "Buy in an area where the property values will go up."

Buying close to a train or LRT station is a good idea because those properties are predicted to rise in value 15 per cent more than similar properties that aren't near a station, he says.

It's also smart to work your mortgage like an investor, says Campbell. So on a \$300,000 variable-rate mortgage, choose to pay back the higher monthly payment of a five-year locked-in mortgage.

Yes, the payment is

more than you're required to pay, but 100 per cent of the extra payment goes off the principal. After five years, you'll have paid the same total as a locked-in mortgage, but with this method a lot more comes off your principal and you've paid a lot less in interest payments.

Determining a few key factors before hitting the bricks is a good idea for first-time homebuyers, says Rob Faulkner, president of the Nova Scotia Association of Realtors.

Faulkner says it is vital that buyers determine what they can afford, choose a few locations that work for their lifestyle and

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Shopping for your first house can be fun — especially seeing what's new in home decor — but with all the choice, making a decision can be a challenge. A good place to

start is either new or resale.

"Whether it's your first time buying or your 10th, deciding depends on personal preference and location," says Elton Ash, regional executive vice president of ReMax Canada West in Kelowna, B.C.

It's hard to deny the appeal of a brand new home with all the latest in kitchens, baths, fixtures, he says, and there's a warranty that backs the building, foundation, finishes, etc.

A resale home's biggest appeal is its history — being in an established area, solidly appreciating value, nearby retail, schools, green space, plus a sense of neighbourhood.

But location is a multi-faceted issue, Ash adds. New homes are usually found in subdivisions, so there's commuting if you work downtown. That adds to the time and money bottom line, so that needs to be weighed with the house price. Ash has noticed an increased desire for suburbs with good rapid transit connections. The new suburban home also offers lots of home — both in size and lifestyle extras — for the money.

OLD OR NEW

Don't forget closing costs

It's important to ask about all the various costs of a new or resale home. Resale homes have set closing dates and costs: the house is already built, and closing costs are roughly 1.5 per cent of the purchase price. New homes can be a different story, says Rodney Litigio, a Toronto mortgage consultant with buyingblock.com: What

you see in the sales brochure, for example, may not be what you get, so "when you sign a new purchase agreement, always try to make the sales brochure part of the agreement."

The same goes for closing costs. New homes are subject to additional municipal levies, so closing can cost up to 4 per cent of the purchase price. Litigio says you can negotiate to cap how much you'll pay of those closing levies, with the developer picking up the rest.

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Ready for the busiest weekend in real estate?

► Whether you're a home seller or buyer, clear your schedule for Easter weekend ► Here's how to survive

Easter weekend, which falls on April 22 to 25 this year, traditionally is one of the busiest weekends of the year in terms of real estate transactions.

"Statistically, more sales take place on this weekend than at any other time of the year," says Phil Soper, president and chief executive of Royal LePage Canada. "Home buyers and sellers want to be settled in their new homes by end of summer to coincide with the start of the school year. That accounts for much of the action on Easter weekend."

Here are five tips each for home sellers and home buyers to help navigate the heightened activity:

If you're selling your home:

- Take time to clear away winter's refuse outside

your home, sweeping front steps, raking up leaves and picking up litter that may be left behind from earlier snow banks.

- Consider using the services of a professional home stager — well worth the investment of within the several hundred dollar range.
- Be willing to accept an invitation to celebrate the holidays at someone else's home. Cooking odours, guests and clutter are best left to others at this time.
- Feel free to go away for the weekend, but don't be out of reach. Your real estate agent could be calling with some good news.
- Take the first offer seriously — it's often the best. It's tempting to see what else comes along, but remember, buyers are usually as motivated as sellers

on this weekend.

If you're buying a home:

- Hire an agent. They often have the inside track and often know of listings that are coming up and not yet on the market.
- Clear your calendar for Easter weekend and make yourself available to visit homes.
- Before you head out to visit homes, review your priorities and make a list, itemizing the features you want most in your future home.
- Take detailed notes, comparing features and location to your priorities.
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- When buying a new home, should you go with the standard package or invest in upgrades? ► Should you buy from the builder or do it yourself?
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Home renovation is a \$50-billion industry in Canada, and most builders will offer a variety of upgrade options ranging from appliances and bathroom fixtures to floor coverings, countertops, doors and decks.

The trick is to know how much to spend. "The top two renovation expenditures are the same no matter where you go — that's kitchens and baths," says Peter Simpson, president of the Greater Vancouver Home Builders' Association.

As far as upgrades are concerned, the sky is the limit. "We're finding that over the past few years the number of products available has increased significantly so the choices are enormous. If you want a handmade nickel clawfoot tub and you've got an extra \$60,000 kicking around, you can have that," says Simpson.

Ben Young, COO of Ramar Homes in Halifax, says the tendency used to be larger homes, but potential buyers are now looking more for interior features, or the "fit and finish" as he calls it. "They're paying attention to things like their

kitchens. Granite countertops are becoming much more popular."

From an investment perspective, any improvements you make will add to the resale value of the home, but only up to a point. A good rule of thumb is to keep a five per cent cap on your upgrades if you want that money back from your investment.

The options offered by builders may vary and some offer limited choices because they're at a certain price point. You may prefer to add your own improvements after the fact. Maybe you'd like to upgrade the kitchen floor to a nicer tile, for example.

But Simpson warns that any work that you or another contractor performs after you've moved in is not covered by the warranty on the house.

"My advice to consumers who are doing this, unless they're very handy, I would leave it to the professionals."

The advantage of buying from the builder, says Simpson, is that "all the new products and services and leading-edge technology and building code advances are included in the new home. That's what some people consider to be the ultimate renovation."

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Easter dinner isn't meant to be a rushed affair. And neither should the meat you serve. But it doesn't mean you have to work particularly hard at it. This flavourful, slowly roasted leg of lamb from Sarah Raven's cookbook, *Fresh From the Garden* is simple but elegant.

Preparation:

- 1 In very large resealable plastic bag, combine wine, garlic, cumin, coriander, olive oil, salt and pepper. Mix well. Add the leg of lamb, close the bag and toss well to cover. Stand the bag upright (or double bag) in a large bowl and refrigerate for 24 to 48 hours, turning the bag every few hours to coat the meat.
- 2 In large roasting pan, arrange carrots, onions, leeks and garlic in an even layer. Place the leg of lamb over the vegetables, then pour the mari-



► This recipe cooks the lamb to well done. If you prefer the lamb less done, start by checking it after three hours until it reaches the desired temperature.

nade in the bag over everything. Roast in 300 F (140 C) for 4 1/2 hours. Remove the pan from the oven and transfer lamb to a serving platter. Cover the lamb with foil, then a layer of kitchen towels. Let rest for 30 minutes.

- 3 **Gravy:** Meanwhile, heat stock in saucepan over low. Use a slotted spoon to discard vegetables

from the roasting pan. Let the liquid in the pan rest for several minutes, then spoon off any visible fat. Set the roasting pan over 1 or 2 burners and heat over medium, scraping the bottom with a wooden spoon to loosen any stuck bits. Sprinkle in the flour and cook, stirring constantly, for another 1 to 2 minutes.

- 4 Slowly pour the hot stock into the roasting pan, stirring until it becomes a smooth gravy. Stir in the port and jelly, then simmer for 5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Slice the lamb and serve with the gravy.

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Ingredients:

- 1 bottle (750 mL) dry white wine
- 5 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) each cumin and coriander seeds, toasted and coarsely ground

- 5 tbsp (75 mL) olive oil
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) each salt and ground black pepper
- 1 leg of lamb (about 5- to 5 1/2-lb/2.2 to 2.45 kg)
- 3 carrots, chopped
- 2 onions, chopped
- 3 leeks, chopped
- 4 cloves garlic

Gravy:

- 2 cups (500 mL) meat stock
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) flour
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) port or red wine
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) red currant jelly
- Salt and black pepper

Artichoke & Asparagus Salad



While the Easter dinner meat is an affair not meant to be rushed, doesn't the side dishes can't be made quickly. Here is an easy Artichoke and Asparagus Salad. It not only celebrates Easter but also the spring season.

- 4 Serve sprinkled with the feta cheese.

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Preparation:

- 1 Bring large pot of water to boil. Set a large bowl of ice water next to the stove.
- 2 Blanch asparagus in the boiling water for about 4 minutes or until bright green and just tender. Transfer to the ice water to cool and stop the cooking. Drain well.
- 3 In large bowl, whisk together oil, vinegar, thyme, Dijon mustard, lemon rind and juice, salt and pepper. Gently toss the drained asparagus spears and the artichoke hearts in the dressing.

Ingredients:

- 2 bunches fresh asparagus, trimmed
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) olive oil
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) white balsamic vinegar
- 2 tsp (10 mL) chopped fresh thyme
- 1 tsp (5 mL) Dijon mustard
- 1 tsp (5 mL) grated lemon rind
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) lemon juice
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) each salt and ground black pepper
- 2 cans (14 oz/425 mL each) artichoke hearts, drained
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) crumbled feta cheese

Sip wine and save the planet

► Some wineries are teaming up with environmental organizations to raise funds for many eco-friendly causes

Sip a pinot and save the planet? That's the thinking behind wineries teaming up with environmental organizations to raise funds for trees, seas and land.

One of the latest is Clean Coast wines, the brainchild of California winemaker Susie Selby.

The owner of Selby Winery created the wines, available online, and in Mississippi and Louisiana, with the goal of raising awareness of the Gulf Coast recovery effort.

"I spend a lot of time in Louisiana. It's just a place that's near and dear to my heart," Selby said. After

the 2010 oil spill she decided she wanted to do something to help the area on a long-term basis, so she came up with Clean Coast wines.

The four wines — pinot noir, chardonnay, cabernet sauvignon and merlot — carry labels decorated with marine creatures. From

every bottle sold online (cleancoastwines.com) \$4 is donated to the Greater New Orleans Community Foundation.

For Selby, raising money is also a way to cut through the slightly intimidating image that can be associated with wine.

"It's an honour to give

back through wine," she said, "because people are still enjoying the food and wine experience, but are also able to make a little bit of a difference."

Other wineries are branching out in different eco-related directions.

For example, Root 1, produced in Chile, is a

long-standing partner of Global ReLeaf, a branch of American Forests.

By the end of 2011, winery officials estimate Root 1 and Global ReLeaf will have planted more than 40,000 trees in forest restoration projects around the world.

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Quoted



"I was really lucky in the end ... I hope I have the chance to recover properly and play better (Thursday). I'm just happy I came through."

TENNIS PLAYER MILOS RAONIC, OF THORNHILL, ONT., WHO LED 6-2 IN THE FINAL SET TIEBREAKER WEDNESDAY, BUT HAD TO HOLD OFF A RALLY FROM GERMAN SIMON GREUL TO ADVANCE TO THURSDAY'S THIRD ROUND AT THE BARCELONA OPEN.

Miller wills Sabres to win

► Becomes first Buffalo goaltender since Dominik Hasek to register two shutouts in one series ► Flyers lose centre Carter with possible knee injury



► Buffalo's Ryan Miller deflects a shot by Philadelphia's James van Riemsdyk Wednesday night during Game 4 of their best-of-seven NHL playoff series.

Ryan Miller made 32 saves for his second shutout of the playoffs and the Buffalo Sabres beat the Philadelphia Flyers 1-0 Wednesday night to even the first-round playoff series 2-2.

Jason Pominville scored at 9:38 of the first period to help the Sabres rebound from two straight losses.

It was Miller's third career playoff shutout and second of the series after he stopped 35 shots in Buffalo's 1-0 victory in Game

1	0
SABRES	FLYERS

1. Miller's best stops came in the final nine minutes. First, there was his glove save in stopping Danny Briere, who was set up alone in front.

A few minutes later,

Miller reached back with his stick to prevent Mike Richards from slipping a shot into an open left side.

The series shifts to Philadelphia for Game 5 Friday night.

Flyers goalie Brian Boucher was sharp, too, in stopping 28 shots.

Boucher has allowed only four goals on 87 shots since replacing rookie Sergei Bobrovsky in the first period of Philadelphia's 5-4 victory in Game 2 Saturday.

The only goal Boucher allowed Wednesday was through no fault of his own as Pominville completed a nifty tic-tac-toe passing play in front of the net.

Tyler Ennis started it from the end boards with a blind backhand pass to Rob Niedermayer to create a 2-on-1.

Niedermayer fed a pass through the crease to Pominville, who redirected it in the open right side. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Pens OT win has Lightning on brink

3	2
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PENGUINS

LIGHTNING

James Neal scored 3:38 into the second overtime to give the Pittsburgh Penguins a 3-2 victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning in Game 4 of their first-round playoff series Wednesday night.

Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 29 shots — 12 of them in the extra periods — to help the Penguins take a commanding 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven Eastern Conference matchup.

Game 5 is Saturday in Pittsburgh, with the Lightning needing a victory to stay alive.

Neal gathered a loose puck along the boards and sent the winning shot past goalie Dwayne Roloson, who had 50 saves for Tampa Bay.

Martin St. Louis scored late in the second period and Sean Bergenheim added his first career playoff goal with less than four minutes remaining in regulation as Tampa Bay rallied from a 2-0 deficit for the second straight game against the Penguins.

But unlike Game 3, when Pittsburgh's Tyler Kennedy countered with the winning goal just 31 seconds after the Lightning tied it, Tampa Bay took this one into overtime.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Washington (1) vs. N.Y. Rangers (8)
(Washington leads 3-1)

Last night's result

Washington 4 N.Y. Rangers 3 (2OT)

Saturday's game

N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 3 p.m.

Monday's game

x-Washington at N.Y. Rangers, TBA

Wednesday, April 27

x-N.Y. Rangers at Washington, TBA

Philadelphia (2) vs. Buffalo (7)

(Series tied 2-2)

Last night's result

Buffalo 1 Philadelphia 0

Tomorrow's game

Buffalo at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday's game

Philadelphia at Buffalo, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, April 26

x-Buffalo at Philadelphia, TBA

Boston (3) vs. Montreal (6)

(Montreal leads 2-1)

Tonight's game

Boston at Montreal, 7 p.m.

Saturday's game

Montreal at Boston, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 26

x-Boston at Montreal, TBA

Wednesday, April 27

x-Montreal at Boston, TBA

Pittsburgh (4) vs. Tampa Bay (5)

(Pittsburgh leads 3-1)

Last night's result

Pittsburgh 3 Tampa Bay 2 (2OT)

Saturday's game

Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, TBA

Monday's game

x-Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, TBA

Wednesday, April 27

x-Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Vancouver (1) vs. Chicago (8)

(Vancouver leads 3-1)

Tuesday's result

Chicago 7 Vancouver 2

Tonight's game

Chicago at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Sunday's game

x-Vancouver at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 26

x-Chicago at Vancouver, TBA

San Jose (2) vs. Los Angeles (7)

(San Jose leads 2-1)

Tuesday's result

San Jose 6 Los Angeles 5 (OT)

Tonight's game

San Jose at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's game

Los Angeles at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Monday's game

x-San Jose at Los Angeles, TBA

Wednesday, April 27

x-Los Angeles at San Jose, TBA

Detroit (3) vs. Phoenix (6)

(Detroit leads 3-0)

Last night's result

Detroit at Phoenix

Tomorrow's game

x-Phoenix at Detroit, 7 p.m.

Sunday's game

x-Detroit at Phoenix, TBA

Wednesday, April 27

x-Phoenix at Detroit, TBA

Anaheim (4) vs. Nashville (5)

(Series tied 2-2)

Last night's result

Anaheim 6 Nashville 3

Tomorrow's game

Nashville at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

Sunday's game

Anaheim at Nashville, 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 26

x-Nashville at Anaheim, TBA

x — played only if necessary.

PENS 3, LIGHTNING 2 (2OT)

First Period

1. Pittsburgh, Kennedy 2 (Michalek, Letestue)

8:14 (pp)

Penalties — Asham Pgh (cross-checking) 2:06,

Lecavalier TB (holding) 7:19, Bergenheim TB

(high-sticking) 16:49.

Second Period

2. Pittsburgh, Asham 3 (Lovejoy) 2:39

3. Tampa Bay, St. Louis 4 (Lecavalier, Purcell) 17:14

Penalties — Malone TB (goaltender interference)

10:41, Neal Pgh (goaltender interference) 19:19.

Third Period

4. Tampa Bay, Bergenheim 1 (St. Louis, Kubi-

na) 16:43

Penalty — Neal Pgh (high-sticking) 9:54.

First Overtime — No Scoring.

Penalty — Adams Pgh (tripping) 17:34.

Second Overtime

5. Pittsburgh, Neal 1 (Staal, Martin) 3:38

Penalties — None.

Shots

Pittsburgh 12 18 10 11 2 —53

Tampa Bay 6 8 8 8 1 —31

Goal — Pittsburgh: Fleury (W,3-1-0); Tampa

Bay: Roloson (L,1-3-0). **Power plays (goals-**

chances) — Pittsburgh: 1-3; Tampa Bay: 0-4.

Referees — Pittsburgh: 1-3; Tampa Bay: 0-4.

Linesmen — Kevin Pollock, Chris Lee. **Linesmen**

— Brian Murphy, Tim Nowak.

Att. — 20,326 (19,758) at Tampa.

DUCKS 6, PREDATORS 3

First Period

1. Anaheim, Fowler 1 (Perry) 4:41 (pp)

2. Anaheim, Koivu 1 (Blake) 5:14

3. Nashville, Hornqvist 2 (Kostitsyn, Weber) 5:45

Penalties — O'Brien Nash (boarding) 4:07,

Suter Nash (slashing) 9:10, Sutton Ana (trip-

ping) 13:03, Weber Nash (slashing) 20:00.

Second Period

4. Nashville, Ward 2 (Franson, Sullivan) 5:44 (pp)

5. Anaheim, Selanne 5 (Getzlaf, Fowler) 11:41 (pp)

6. Nashville, Halischuk 1 (Klein, Blum) 14:15

Penalties — Sbisna Ana (interference) 1:59, Ru-

utu Ana (interference) 4:00, Ward Nash (dou-

ble high-sticking) 7:59, Getzlaf Ana (hooking)

15:40, Bonino Ana (delay of game) 19:28.

Third Period

7. Anaheim, Perry 2 (McMillan) 1:17 (sh)

8. Anaheim, Getzlaf 2 (Perry) 4:51

9. Anaheim, McMillan 1 (Marchant, Vis-

novsky) 6:46

Penalties — Tootoo Nash (roughing) 15:39, Tootoo

Nash (misconduct, game misconduct) 18:12.

Shots

Anaheim 16 9 13 —38

Nashville 12 7 3 —22

Goal (shots-saves) — Anaheim: Emery (W,2-

1-0); Nashville: Rinne (L,2-2-0)(29-23), Lind-

back (6:46 third)(9-9). **Power plays (goals-**

chances) — Anaheim: 2-6; Nashville: 1-5.

Referees — Dan O'Halloran, Brian Pochmara.

Linesmen — Brad Lazarowich, Anthony Sericola.

Attendance — 17,113 (17,113).

SABRES 1, FLYERS 0

First Period

1. Buffalo, Pominville 1 (Niedermayer, Ennis) 9:38

Penalties — Weber Buf (tripping) 5:55, Carcillo

Pha (interference) 10:18, Stafford Buf (inter-

ference) 10:59, Boucher Pha (tripping; served

by Briere) 14:23.

Second Period — No Scoring.

Penalties — Carcillo Pha (roughing), Miller Buf

(roughing; served by Gerbe) 11:39, Myers Buf

(roughing) 14:19, Philadelphia bench (too

many men; served by Carcillo) 17:46, Richards

Pha (elbowing major) 19:57.

Third Period — No Scoring.

Penalties — Timonen Pha (slashing), Richards

Pha, Myers Buf (roughing), Gerbe Buf (cross-

checking) 20:00.

Shots

Philadelphia 11 10 11 —32

Buffalo 13 8 8 —29

Goal — Philadelphia: Boucher (L,2-1-0); Buffa-

lo: Miller (W,2-2-0). **Power plays (goals-**

chances) — Philadelphia: 0-3; Buffalo: 0-4.

Referees — Marc Joannette, Francois St. Lau-

rent. **Linesmen** — Scott Cherrey, Greg Devorski.

Att. — 18,690 (18,690) at Buffalo.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
D.Sedin, Vcr	4	2	6
Fisher, Nash	3	2	5
Clowe, SJ	2	3	5
Datsyuk, Det	2	3	5
Vrbata, Phx	2	3	5
Perry, Ana	1	4	5
Selanne, Ana	4	0	4
St. Louis, TB	3	1	4
Doan, Phx	2	2	4
Doughty, LA	2	2	4
Ovechkin, Wash	2	2	4
Bolland, Chi	1	3	4
Brewer, TB	1	3	4
Cammalleri, Mtl	1	3	4
Ehrhoff, Vcr	1	3	4
Getzlaf, Ana	1	3	4
Gagne, TB	0	4	4

Last night's games not included

HOCKEY

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FINAL STANDING GROUP A

	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	Pt
y-U.S.	3	3	0	0	0	27	2	9
x-Sweden	3	2	0	0	1	11	10	6
x-Russia	3	1	0	0	2	6	21	3
Slovakia	3	0	0	0	3	1	12	0

GROUP B

	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	Pt
y-Canada	3	3	0	0	0	21	0	9
x-Switzerland	3	1	1	0	1	8	14	5
x-Finland	3	1	0	1	1	6	7	4
Kazakhstan	3	0	0	0	3	4	18	0

x — clinched quarter-final berth.

y — clinched semifinal berth.

Note: Three points for regulation win, two for overtime win and one for overtime loss.

Yesterday's results

At Winterthur, Switzerland

Russia 4 Slovakia 1

U.S. 9 Sweden 1

Tuesday's results

At Winterthur, Switzerland

Canada 2 Finland 0

Switzerland 6 Kazakhstan 1

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	10	6	.625	—
Tampa Bay	9	9	.500	2
Baltimore	8	9	.471	2½
Toronto	8	10	.444	3
Boston	6	11	.353	4½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	13	5	.722	—
Kansas City	11	7	.611	2
Detroit	9	10	.474	4½
Chicago	7	11	.389	6
Minnesota	6	12	.333	7

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	12	6	.667	—
Texas	11	7	.611	1
Oakland	9	9	.500	3
Seattle	6	13	.316	6½

Yesterday's results

N.Y. Yankees 6 Toronto 2

Tampa Bay 4 Chicago White Sox 1

L.A. Angels 4 Texas 1

Baltimore 5 Minnesota 4

Cleveland 7 Kansas City 5

Detroit 3 Seattle 2

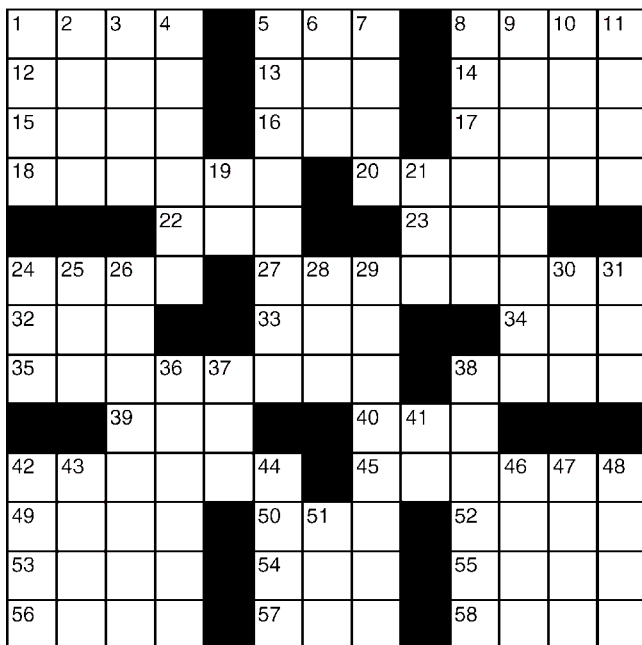
Boston 5 Oakland 3

Tuesday's results

Crossword

Across

1 Larger portion
5 Belle of the ball, maybe
8 Enos' grandpa
12 Conception
13 Wrath
14 Missile shelter
15 Standard
16 Bando of baseball
17 Despot
18 Saw things in the dark?
20 Sleeping sickness carrier
22 Mainander's mento
23 Slip up
24 Green gem
27 Full exposure
32 "The Greatest"
33 Helgen-berger series
34 "Barney Miller" actor Jack
35 Periods of relief
38 Mail carrier (Abbr.)
39 Hall-of-Famer Williams
40 Stanum
42 Not digital
45 Impact
49 For fear that
50 Novelist Radcliffe
52 Colorful fish
53 Appointment
54 Fond du —, Wis.
55 Toy block name
56 Lacked originality
57 Candle count
58 Kittish wildlife
Down
1 Have an objection
2 Stench



3 Withered
4 Mexican entree
5 Separate
6 Detergent brand
7 Region
8 Toward the rear, nautically
9 Woe
10 "Oh, woe!"
11 Still others
19 Yours truly
21 Witness
24 Mayo container
25 Hearty brew
26 Aversion
28 Work with

29 Length from here to there
30 Bribe
31 "Help!"
36 Struck repeatedly
37 Altar affirmative
38 Open out
41 In that case
42 "M*A*S*H" star
43 Tide type
44 Festive
46 Duel tool
47 Zoo structure
48 Hammer-wielding deity
51 Kvetch

Yesterday's answer



Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ►



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FROM LIAM

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 As Venus, planet of harmony, moves into your sign, you will be more charming than usual.
♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 What you think is a problem isn't much of one at all. Try not to get worked up about it.
♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Sort out your thoughts and realize that you exaggerated the importance of recent events.
♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You'll enjoy your work today. As such, you'll do a good job.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 You don't have to take life too seriously. The purpose is to have fun.
♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 Do you feel someone is cheating you? Most likely, it's just your fears getting the best of you.
♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 It's a great day for affairs of the heart. Put away anger. Love makes the world go 'round.
♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 If you need a break take one, no matter how much others try to persuade you not to.

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 A little charm will go a long way over the next 24 hours.
♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Forget about getting even with your enemies. Turn them into friends instead.
♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Something you hear might make you look at certain people in a different light.
♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Don't worry about cash. You'll find ways to make ends meet.

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